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## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

### AMERICA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

### THE COALITION CABINET.

### The Italian Advance on Trieste.

### AUSTRIAN DESTROYER FLIES BRITISH FLAG AND BOMBARDS UNDEFENDED TOWN.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### AMERICA SENDS NOTES TO CHINA AND JAPAN.

May 24, 3.05 a.m.  
The Times correspondent at Peking says that the United States Government has presented identical Notes to China and Japan, refusing to recognise any agreement impairing American rights in China, the political and territorial integrity of China, or the Open Door policy.

### BOMBARDIER WELLS ENLISTS.

May 27, 11.50 p.m.  
Bombardier Wells has enlisted in the Welsh Regiment.

### HOME OPINION ON THE NEW CABINET.

May 27, 11.50 p.m.  
The Cabinet, upon the whole, has been favourably received. The Liberals denounce the inclusion of Sir Edward Carson, and surprise is expressed that Mr. Lloyd George should have left the Exchequer. It is declared that his absence is only temporary and that he will remain in touch with Mr. McKenna. It is also stated that the office of Post Master General was kept open for Mr. John Redmond, but that the Dublin party's decision makes his refusal final.

### ITALIAN WAR ENTHUSIASM.

May 27, 11.50 p.m.  
The Italian advance towards Trieste has caused an outburst of enthusiasm among unredeemed inhabitants, who welcomed the soldiers with open arms, offering all their possessions, and who embraced and kissed the bersaglieri. Everywhere the Tricolour is hoisted on public and private buildings, churches and houses.

Though men between twenty and forty are compulsorily liable for military service, an unofficial register of volunteers of non-military age has been opened, and over a thousand were enrolled within twenty-four hours.

Great indignation is felt at the announcement that an Austrian destroyer, which bombarded the open town of Barletta, flew the British flag.

### AUSTRIAN AEROPLANE ATTACK FAILS.

May 27, 11.50 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Venice says that the first (Austrian) aerial attack was a complete failure. Three or four people were slightly injured, a few windows were broken and a couple of holes were made in the ground. The population rushed in the streets to watch the aeroplane and to cheer the anti-aircraft and the soldiers.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

## WAR TELEGRAMS.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE NEW CABINET.

May 25, 10.35 p.m.  
The Press Bureau announces that the Premier has decided to create a Ministry of Munitions and that Mr. Lloyd George during his temporary direction of this Department of State will vacate his post as Chancellor of the Exchequer. It is understood that Mr. Arthur Henderson (Chief Whip of the Labour Party) will assist the Government on labour questions, especially those arising from the war.

His Majesty the King has conferred upon the retiring Lord High Chancellor, Viscount Haldane, the Order of Merit.

His Majesty has approved of the new Cabinet as follows:—

Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, Premier and First Lord of the Treasury.

Rt. Hon. the Marquess of Lansdowne, without portfolio.

Rt. Hon. Sir Stanley Buckmaster, Lord Chancellor.

Rt. Hon. the Marquess of Crewe, Lord President of the Council.

Rt. Hon. Earl Curzon of Kedleston, Lord Privy Seal.

Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Rt. Hon. Sir John Simon, Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Rt. Hon. A. Bonar Law, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Rt. Hon. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India.

Rt. Hon. E. R. Kitchener, Secretary of State for War.

Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, Munitions.

Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman, Board of Trade.

Rt. Hon. Walter Long, President Local Government Board.

Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill, Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster.

Rt. Hon. Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Rt. Hon. T. McKinnon Wood, Secretary for Scotland.

Rt. Hon. the Earl of Selbourne, President Board of Agriculture.

Rt. Hon. Lewis Vernon Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, President Board of Education.

Rt. Hon. Sir E. H. Carson, Attorney General.

Mr. John Redmond, leader of the re-united Irish Nationalist Party, was offered a place on the Cabinet but was unable to accept.

### FRENCH COMMUNIQUE.

May 26, 1.00 a.m.  
A Paris communique says:—North of Arras our attacks to-day realised important progress. We captured the salient of a large enemy work, stormed another work north-west of Arras, and carried a trench one kilometre long further south to the east of the Aix Neuville Saucourt road.

### SIR JOHN FRENCH'S REPORT.

May 26, 3.20 a.m.  
Field Marshal Sir John French reports that some portions of our line east of Ypres, which were lost during the enemy's gas attack, have up to the present not been recovered. The amount of gas used was the greatest hitherto. It was emitted from cylinders for four and a half hours along a front of five miles, and, simultaneously, our line was bombarded with asphyxiating shells. The gas cloud in some places was forty feet high. Portions of our line remained intact throughout, and our men demonstrated that, with due precautions, this form of attack can be defeated.

### RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE.

May 26, 5.00 a.m.  
An official report from Petrograd states that the battle in Galicia was renewed on the 24th on both banks of the river San, and in front of Juroslav and Przemyel. Repeated enemy attacks on the front from Gussakove to Krakenitz were scattered by our artillery.

### NATIONALISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

May 26, 5.00 a.m.  
A meeting of the Nationalist Party held in Dublin approved of Mr. Redmond's refusal to accept office as it was convinced that the old Irish policy of independence, should be continued till an Irish Government actually controls every inch of Irish soil. The meeting resolved upon accepting Mr. Asquith's declaration that the reconstruction of the Ministry was solely for the purpose of the war, ensuring the Government of the hearty co-operation of the Nationalists.

## WAR TELEGRAMS.

### ITALIANS REPULSE AUSTRIANS.

May 26, 6.00 a.m.  
The correspondent of the Times at Campozologno reports that an action occurred on the 24th inst. at Col del Tonale, twenty miles east of Lirano. The Italians repulsed the Austrians, who had apparently entered Italy, and captured several hundred of the Austrian Alpine troops.

### ITALIAN COMMUNIQUE.

May 26, 1.00 p.m.  
A communique from Rome says:—On the Trentino frontier the Italians advanced from two to four miles, occupying the passes and heights, and taking some prisoners. We occupied all the frontier passes in Cadore, which the Austrians, through the medium of artillery, cannonaded abortively. We stormed Valinfermo Pass with the bayonet. The Italian columns on the Trieste front continued to advance successfully and consolidated their positions on the heights, while the Austrian artillery made another useless bombardment. Our offensive, in order to reach lower Isonzo, continues everywhere, the enemy retiring and destroying bridges.

### AMERICAN STEAMER TORPEDOED.

May 26, 2.10 p.m.  
The American steamer Nebraska, 4,000 tons, outward bound from Liverpool was torpedoed off Brow Head this morning, and sent out wireless messages for help. The crew have taken to the boats, and are standing by. The weather is calm.

### OUR LONDON LETTER.

(Continued from yesterday.)

in the trenches the Neuve Chapelle operations have been entirely successful. Mr. Thomas Atkins has always believed that he had it in his power under anything like fair conditions to give the Germans something more than a run for their money. All the men engaged in the recent fighting tell gleefully how the Germans ran before the first attack of our infantry at Neuve Chapelle, and there is not a man whose khaki is stained with the mud of Flanders who is not now convinced that the boasted invincibility of the German army is a great big myth.

London War Scenes.

We have had a recruiting week in London, with plenty of fiery patriotic oratory up and down the town, and what is much more to the purpose, men in khaki marching through the streets all over the West end and suburbs to the thrilling tune of a military march and the skirling of pipes. Recruits are invited to fall in and follow the drum in the old historic way, the way that filled our cadres in the good old days of Marlborough and Wellington. It is an inspiring and a thrilling sight to see men briskly stepping out of the crowds and lining up four deep behind the soldiers. As the march proceeds the column of recruits grows. Sometimes you may see five or six hundred men, drawn from all grades of society and of all ages between eighteen and forty, marching along Berlin. The ranks of these recruiting squads in motley civilian attire present all sorts of queer contrasts. There are smart youngsters in neat lounge suits with their raincoats over their arms, sturdy mechanics in their caps and working overalls, pale but well set up young clerks in the somewhat shiny livery of the office desk, labourers in corduroys, stained with lime and earth, and, by no means least serviceable, typical specimens of those sturdy skilful lads who have seen the world without gathering much more. The crowds cheer the men as they swing along, doing their best to march like real soldiers, and learning already the first principles of keeping touch and covering your man. Last of all strides a tall recruiting sergeant, swelling "wisely before your weary eyes," like Mr. Weller's young ladies at the tea party, as the ranks of the recruits gather strength or a likely youngster suddenly falls in. In spite of the effort of the conscriptionist press, which does not realise that the cause of National service to which Lord Roberts devoted his closing heroic years is already won, to queer the pitch, the London recruiting week has been a big success, and Lord Kitchener has gained from it many thousands of good steady men. For nothing has been more remarkable than the demeanour of these recruits, who step out of their normal routine on the call to take their part in the drama of the war. Very few indeed of them are men who act on any sudden impulse of mere adventure. Their whole look and bearing denote rather a set purpose and a high and serious resolve. Meanwhile all day long Londoners can watch on the wide parade ground at Wellington Barracks the new battalions of Guards being drilled into shape. It is a wonderfully conscientious process. There is the awkward squad, sweating away at the rudiments of drill and physical exercises in its shirt sleeves, but very soon showing something of that simultaneous click which the drill instructors at Wellington Barracks set their hearts upon. More advanced men in full khaki can be seen doing platoon and company drill, and laboriously acquiring all the little frills in which the Guards delight. Others can be seen doing field exercises in extended order and delivering ferocious charges with gleaming bayonets against tightly packed snags suspended in mid air. The recruit is taught how to use and handle his bayonet until he never fails to transfix the sack at the first lunge, and it is by no means so easy as it looks. From the

To be Continued.

## TELEGRAMS.

### NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

### CONDENSED.

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At Ypres the amount of gas emitted from the cylinders was greater than on any previous occasion—it lasted four and a half hours, over a front of five miles.

A meeting of the Irish Nationalist Party has approved of Mr. J. Redmond's refusal to accept office in the Cabinet, being in accordance with the policy of independence, until an Irish Government controls every inch of Irish soil.

### NEWS.

The result of the aircraft appeal is inserted in this edition.

Judgment in the Master Mariner's case was delivered to-day.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, Commercial News on page 9, and Law Book on page 6.

The result of the Inquest on the body of the late Mr. Bishop will be found in another column.

Extracts from the Botanical Annual report and the Annual Education report appear in this issue.

An account of the legislative council meeting held this afternoon is inserted in another column.

### DON'T FORGET.

### TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

### TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Sale of China and Curios—G. P. Lammer's Sales Room—2.30 p.m.  
Monday, May 31.  
Crown Land Sale.—3 p.m.

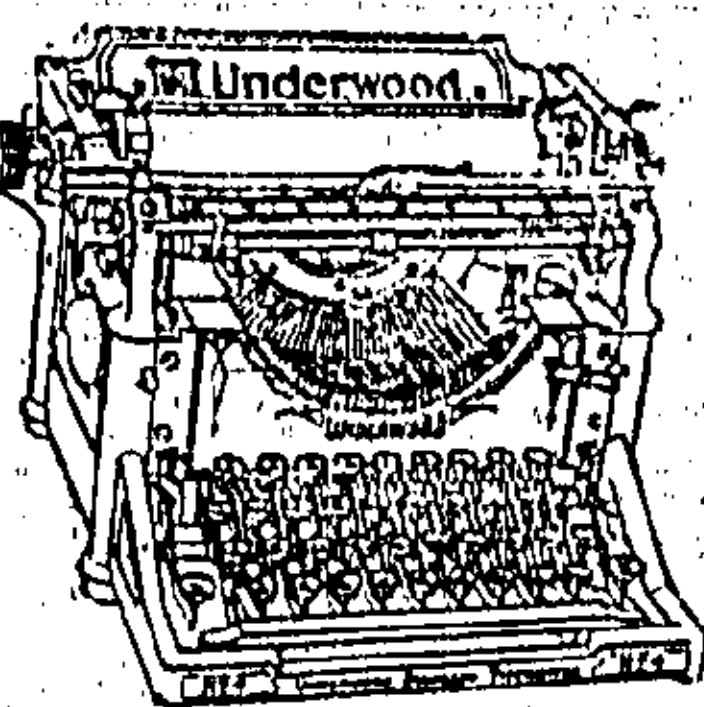


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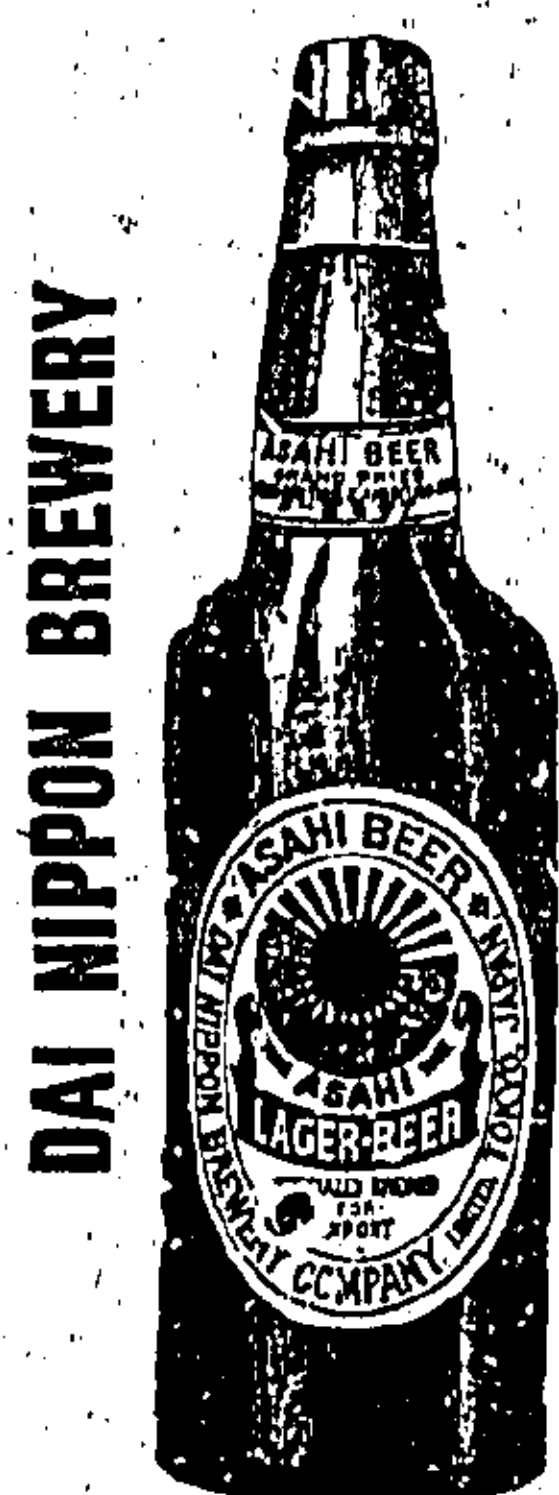
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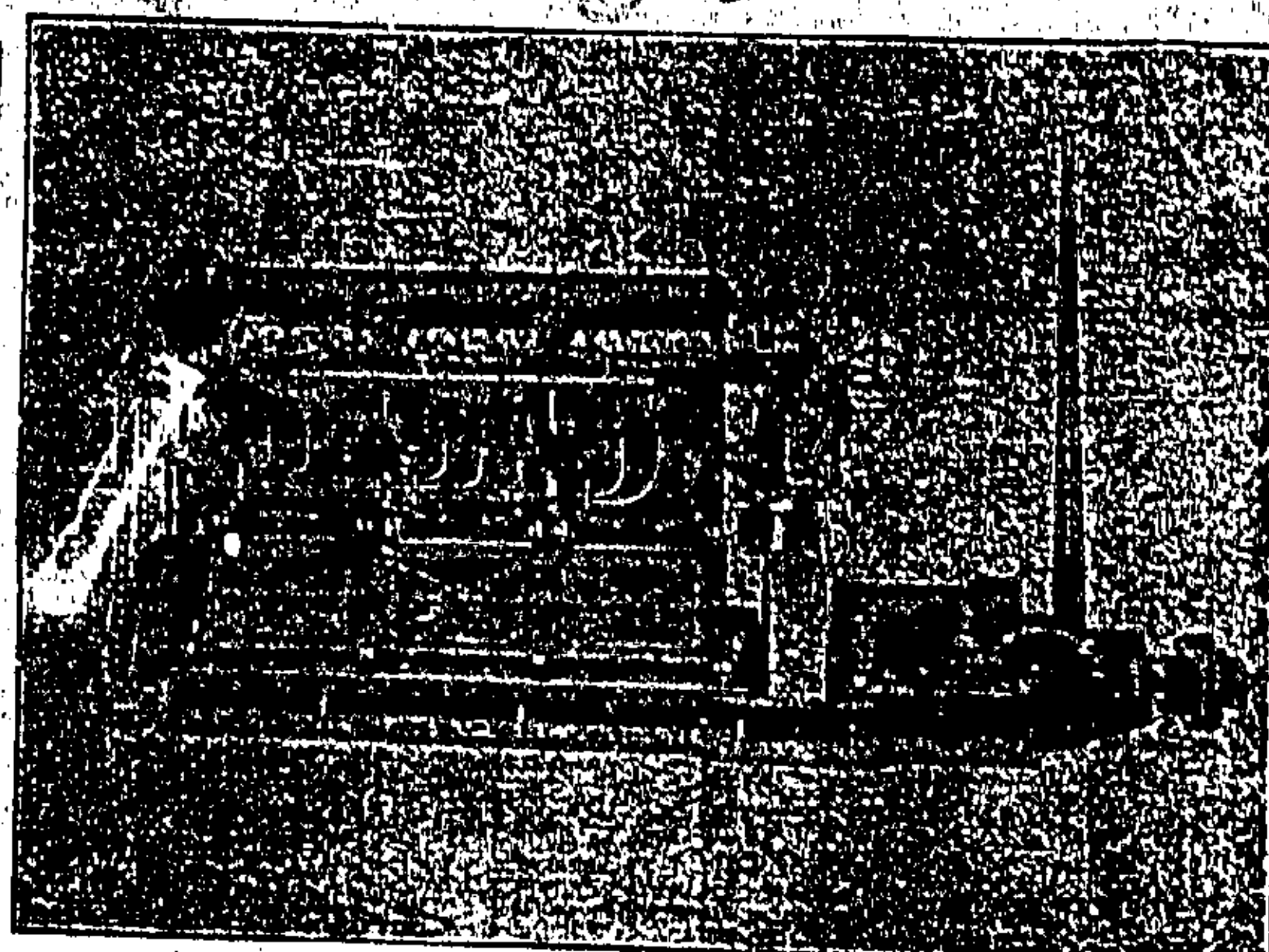
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No Peace Yet.

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Daily News.

Japanese as Settlers in China. The practical effect of the new treaty with China is apparently being looked forward to in Japan with considerable optimism, though, it is at present rather difficult to see sufficient justification for this. The new arrangements give Japan a free hand in South Manchuria. Henceforth they can buy or lease land in that province without let or restriction; they can travel freely from one end to the other, and can engage in industry or agriculture at their pleasure. These are important concessions, not to be undervalued; but at the same time the conditions under which the Japanese will have to carry on their exploitation of South Manchuria are no less important. These will be actually the exact reverse of those obtaining in Hawaii and California, where Japanese settlers have been so successful, and it would not be going too far to say that the Japanese settlers in South Manchuria will find themselves in the position of having the same complaints to make against the Chinese in that province as the Americans in Hawaii and California have against the Japanese. In California success has been obtained by dint of the lower standard of living of the Japanese; that is, they are willing to work at lower wages as employees and to earn less profit as proprietors.

China Mail.

British Commercial Propaganda. Discussing the building up and the expansion of British commerce, which we are all hoping will take place at the close of the war, a writer in a Home paper to hand has some interesting and useful observations to offer that should prove as efficacious to the British merchant in the Far East as to his confrere at home. Propagandism, he says, is necessary, but it must be aggressively active and direct. Circulars and pamphlets are of comparatively little value. Personal contact is requisite. The representative, too, must have practical experience. He must help the client to formulate his demands, must guide him in his selection, and must persuade him that his principals alone can satisfy them, and in doing so conform to the practice or national prejudices of the country. On the other hand, he must meet the client's wishes, even if he regards them as faddish or otherwise win him over to saner views, and he must be prepared to give the measure of financial accommodation common to the country. This is a large order, and only a firm or company with extensive production and turnover can afford such representation in several countries; but where this is possible the result is most effective.

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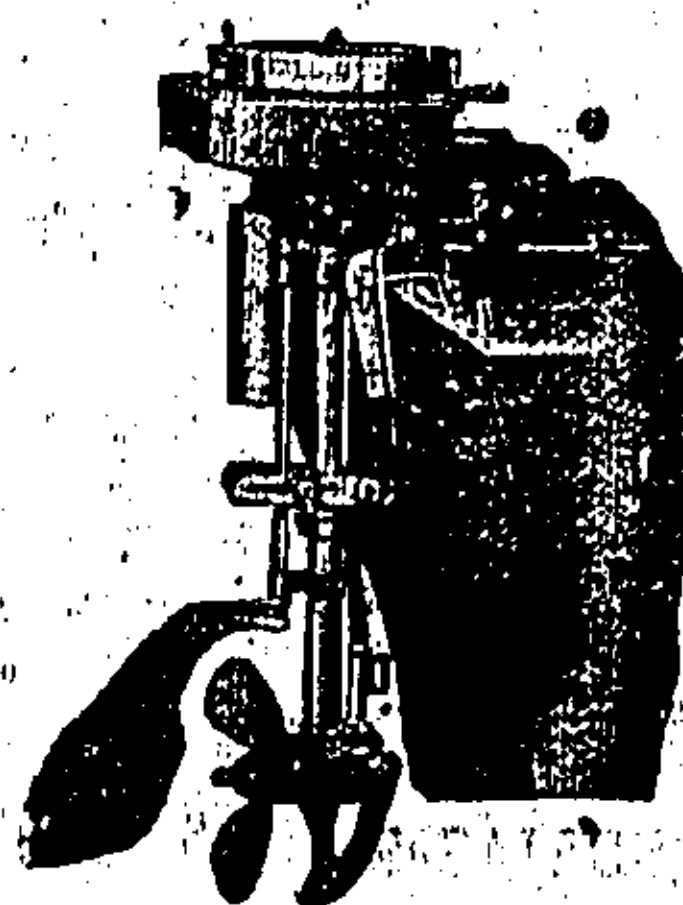
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## GENERAL NEWS.

International Horse Show  
Abandoned.

The directors of the International Horse Show announce that owing to the war it will not be possible to organize an International Horse Show at Olympia in June next. In consequence of the withdrawal by the railway companies of excursion and cheap fare facilities, and the probable dislocation of ordinary traffic, the Cambridge and Isle of Ely Agricultural Society have decided to abandon their annual summer show, which was to have been held at Cambridge in July.

Headmistress's Long Service. A General Court of the Governors and subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held recently at the Connaught Rooms, Kingsway. Sir Edward Letchworth, who was in the chair, announced that Miss E. Hutchinson, headmistress, had tendered her resignation after 42 years' service. She was to receive £200 a year pension. Sir Thomas T. Bucknill, Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, was elected treasurer.

Four Pensioners in one Family. Elizabeth Dakins, an old-age pensioner, who was in her 113rd year, and three of whose children are also old-age pensioners, were buried at Croydon recently. She was born on August 10, 1812, and had lived in Croydon nearly all her life. She retained her mental faculties to the last, had never used spectacles, and could hear well. Her four children, all married, and their children and grandchildren, number over fifty.

Thaw's Commitment Upheld. Justice Page's decision was upheld when the Appellate Division recommended Harry K. Thaw to Matewan on the original commitment of Justice Dowling. There now remains only one hope of those trying to keep Thaw out of the asylum, this being the writ of habeas corpus for the purpose of obtaining a jury trial as to his sanity.

World's Supplies of Wheat. The world's supplies of wheat decreased 12,925,000 bushels during the month of March, against 1,933,000 bushels in April and 15,086,000 bushels last year. Total stocks aggregated 204,000,000 bushels, or the smallest at this season since 1909, when they aggregated 170,000,000 bushels. Supplies in the United States and Canada decreased 22,359,000 bushels in March, against 10,000,000 bushels last year.

Attempt to Blow up a Bridge in Manchuria. The Tokyo papers state that on the night of the 6th instant a party of mounted bandits attempted to blow up an iron bridge on the South Manchuria Railway. They were defeated by a Japanese company, who gave the alarm, and on the appearance of a Japanese force the bandits fled. It is suspected the German authorities in Peking had investigated the bandits to commit the act.

New Smoke-Dispelling Apparatus. A fire which occurred at the Stanley tobacco warehouse, Liverpool, was extinguished, after causing damage roughly estimated at £40,000. Owing to the character of the goods stored in the building it was difficult for the firemen to proceed with their work. The fire gave them an opportunity of testing a new machine designed to dispel smoke. Water from the main drives a fan, which creates a draught sufficient to clear the air for several yards round the operator. The apparatus was undoubtedly useful, but several of the firemen were overcome by the density of the smoke.

Death of Mr. H. D. S. Parkhill. We regret to announce the death of Mr. H. D. S. Parkhill, which took place at the General Hospital Shanghai on May 10. Deceased, who was only thirty-eight years of age, will be remembered as chief engineer of the Shanghai Fire Brigade, with the members of which he was very popular. He left the Municipal Council to take up constructional engineering and later was employed by the Standard Oil Company, being for some time in charge of their installation in Wuhu. This deceased was taken ill some two months ago, and had to be removed to the hospital. O. N. Daily News.

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Dr. Silburn Acquitted.

The hearing of the charge of arson against Dr. J. Huntley Silburn was concluded at H. M. Supreme Court Shanghai, on May 21—the fifth day of the proceedings—before Sir Haviland de Saumarez, Judge, and Messrs. W. L. Gerrard, B. O. Lambert, D. M. Nisim, A. S. G. Smith, and J. A. Thomas, jury.

Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, Crown Advocate, and Mr. K. E. Newman, appeared to prosecute, and Mr. E. W. Godfrey and Mr. J. B. Teedals to defend.

Counsel for the prosecution and defence addressed the jury briefly and his Lordship summed up, at considerable length. Proceeding his Lordship referred to the suggestion of the prosecution that there were no pictures, only one of a man driving tandem, and said that the evidence for the prosecution about them had broken down and the suspicion which the jury was asked to attach to the prisoner was not justified and ought never to have been suggested. It had been suggested that a number of lamps had been brought in to give plenty of opportunity for a conflagration, and when that suggestion fell to the ground the prosecution turned round and said it did not matter. It was said that the night clothes worn by the prisoner had not been found, but Det. Sgt. Sullivan himself said that he saw some light stuff showing below the prisoner's trousers, and his Lordship did not see what that could possibly have been except pyjamas; in the house to say that he saw at the Burlington Hotel after the fire the pyjamas which he placed on the bed ready for his master at the house in Seymour Road. There was no evidence to bear out the suggestion that because the accused insured his things shortly before the fire, therefore he set fire to the house. The jury would have to take from that fact whatever inference they considered themselves entitled to draw. As to the accused going to practise in the western district, the jury were not there to decide whether the accused was unreasonable or sketchy in his ideas as to how his business should be conducted. The Crown had to show more than that it was a merely inconvenient thing to do. The Crown had to show that it was a thing casting grave suspicion upon the man who did it. As to the fact that he did not ask for police protection for the house while moving in, Silburn's answer at once was: "No doubt a prudent man would have done it. I am sorry, I am not a prudent man. I did not think of it." But it was not a question of prudence. It was a question of alleged villainy. On the point as to the accused saying he would go home to rest his surgery, there was evidence as to the excellence of his surgery and stock generally, and evidently accused took great pride in it. The idea that the accused would sacrifice the practice which he had built up, bringing in something like £3,000 a year in order to gain the

amount of insurance on his silver and pictures seemed to his Lordship to be extremely improbable. There was absolutely no evidence that the fire had been started upstairs, in several places. With regard to the silver, the suggestion originally was that there never had been any silver, but he thought nobody could doubt that silver was in the house up till 11.30 on the night of the fire, and if the accused was to be held accountable, it must be shown that after Mr. Holgate left, he made away with the things during the hour in which (according to the prosecution) he was engaged in setting light to the upper floor in several places. He did not know how this was to be done: how the accused could go out and dig a hole in the garden on a frosty night when the ground was hard. It was not likely that he would risk the chance of getting the whole of the £4,000 for the sake of £250 worth of silver. "I must confess," his Lordship concluded, "that to my mind these presumptions are very weak. In fact, I don't think I have had a serious charge of any kind before me supported by weaker evidence. On the other hand, as to the story told by the accused, he was perfectly willing to tell the whole story as he knew it, without extenuating anything that told against himself. I must admit, it impressed me as being the story of a man who was telling the truth."

Without retiring, the jury at once recorded a verdict of "Not Guilty." The prisoner was then discharged, and was called from the dock by his Lordship, who said: "Mr. Silburn, no doubt this has been a trial which has put you to great pain and expense and so on, and I feel—and I hope I feel justly—that the result has justified you, or at all events made you feel that what you have suffered is not in vain; and I think—although it is not a practice of mine to do so—that I ought to express my entire concurrence in the verdict of the jury. I trust that the fact that you had to undergo this trial will in future militate in no way against your success."

His Lordship then thanked the jury for their service, and relieved them from further service for ten years.—N. C. Daily News.

## Peace Rumours and Trade in Berlin.

Berlin, April 15.—The Bourse this week has been operated under the influence of peace rumours, starting from an apparently unimportant newspaper article and without any discoverable basis of fact or definite foundation. The market became firmer and steadier, rise set in, which finally extended even to such stocks as those of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, the North German Lloyd and other shipping companies and various concerns whose prosperity depends on the return of peace. Inquiries made in the diplomatic world—and in government circles brought to light nothing which would account for the rumours. The boom was attributed there to speculators and the ruling passion for change and excitement.

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## AEROPLANES IN WAR.

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"On the other hand, as a method of offence the aeroplane has, thus far, proved to be a failure. Brilliant dashes have been made, especially by British aviators, but in no case has anything been achieved that would be of real and decisive importance. A couple of Zeppelins have been destroyed, a submarine base partly wrecked, an ammunition train blown up; not much to show, after seven months of war.

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## DEATHS.

BRYSON.—At Peking, on May 18, 1915, Ian Carruthers, the dearly loved son of Dr. A. C. and Mrs. Bryson, aged three years and two months, of meningitis.  
PARKHILL.—On May 19, 1915, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Harold Dunbar Sanderson Parkhill, aged 38 years.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1915.

## GERMANY'S PREPARATIONS IN 1913.

In view of all that has happened since last August it is not uninteresting to look back at some of the events of a couple of years ago, which, as we now know, were tolerably accurate indications of how the wind of Germany's desires and intentions was blowing. On referring to the *Telegraph* of February 10, 1913, we find a small batch of wires dealing with our present enemy's naval programme. Two days earlier, the Budget Committee of the Reichstag had met in connection with naval affairs, and Reuter remarks that "the secrecy of the proceedings was unusually emphasised by a placard placed at the door, reminding members that rigid silence must be observed regarding confidential proceedings, and no notes must be taken." In the same issue comments from the Home papers, or the German naval programme are published. The *Times*, voicing the general unweariness of the nation, observes innocently: "The speeches obviously were animated with a friendly spirit," though it adds more cautiously: "British naval policy is based not on words but on the programmes of other nations."

The *Westminster Gazette*, the organ of the more educated, and more solid of the Radical party, appears to have taken a more or less jaunty view of the situation, opining that "it will not be difficult to reach a settled policy convenient to both nations." The Conservative evening papers expressed themselves a little more strongly, but it was left to Mr. Garvin, writing in the following day's *Observer*, to say outright: "Any government accepting Admiral von Tirpitz' proposal to England to limit shipbuilding, while Germany can build to any extent, would be swept away. Admiral von Tirpitz has chosen the critical moment when the Dominions are definitely tending to enter a naval partnership with the Motherland to impose a veto on the ideal of two keels to one as a standard for the whole Empire." In other words, for one man who, like Mr. Garvin, was able to see that Germany's plans boded no good for Britain, there were a score or more who were prepared to receive them with a philosophic charitableness. In Parliament we find the same hedging and dodging. "Mr. Churchill considered it better to deal with Admiral von Tirpitz' speech when the Estimates are presented. In the meantime he desired to express the general feeling of satisfaction at the tone of the recent German discussion." It is a cruel price that we have since had to pay for indulging in that "general feeling of satisfaction."

Our issue of February 17 of the same year publishes three more wires which, coming on the top of the Reichstag debate and Admiral von Tirpitz' suggestions, are—and should then have been—significant enough. The first speaks of discussions in the French press in relation to increases in the German army. *Le Temps* declares that, in a few months Germany's superiority over France will be 35 per cent., while *L'Opinion* "urges President Poincaré and the Minister for Foreign Affairs to visit London and conclude a fresh agreement." The second wire quotes the *Engineer*, as asserting that Germany was at that moment building a fleet of warships to nullify Dreadnoughts. "Twenty can be built at the cost of a single Dreadnought, and five are capable of destroying a Dreadnought." The third is a straightforward message from Berlin, to the effect that a new Army Airship Bill provided for new halls for aeroplanes and airships at a cost of a million pounds. The pointers which we have quoted are all taken from among two or three days' wires. Scores more could be given which, read in the light of our knowledge of to-day, show plainly enough Germany's intentions and our own national blindness at that time. The question is, shall we show ourselves a wise people in future by guarding against a recurrence of our old childlike credulity?

## Our Schools.

The Report of the Director of Education laid before the Legislative Council to-day, contains some interesting statements. One in particular should bring gratification to the souls of parents who, with sublime confidence in the efficiency of local methods and management, are sending their sons to be schooled at Queen's College. It is this: "Owing to the withdrawal of one of the Science Masters for censorship duty, the Chemistry syllabus had to be modified." If Queen's College had to deal with British in-lead of Chinese parents, some awkward points might be raised as to the exact meaning conveyed by that exceedingly useful word "modified." We forbear to ask such a personal question as: "Is the Science Master continuing to draw his school stipend while performing censorship work (for which we believe payment is made)?" We go no farther than considering the matter from an educational point of view. Parents are sending their boys to this school on the understanding that they will be taught certain subjects; physical science among the number. We are not convinced, nor are many of our readers, that it is either necessary or desirable to take schoolmasters away from their ordinary work and make censors of them; but, even if we grant that point, what about the Education Department's duty to the boys and their parents? Why is a master—above all, one who is presumably a specialist—taken away from his teaching duties when his place cannot be adequately filled by a substitute? Parents pay for science teaching—and the science teaching is "modified" because men happen to be needed for censorship work. Hongkong again!

## Education in Macao.

Talking of schools, we published yesterday, drawing attention to the strides which are being made in school work in the neighbouring colony of Macao. Some eighteen months ago an article appeared in our columns descriptive of the first-class work which is being accomplished by the Salesians there, and now we find that even this is to be supplemented. A new school, evidently more or less under the control of the Government, is to be built, and will contain laboratories for physics and chemistry, sports ground, swimming bath, gymnasium, etc., in other words, will be an up-to-date establishment. Evidently Macao is determined to keep the educational advantages that it already has over our own Colony. If Britishers feel sore that such advantages should exist, it is not because they are in any way jealous of their more go-ahead neighbour, but because they very naturally regret that an opportunity should be given to the Chinese to make unfavourable comparisons between British Educational methods and those of other European nationalities.

## The German "Big Children."

Yesterday we published part of a report issued by Dr. Mehler, the director of the Frankfurt hospital, on the mental condition of the German wounded under his control. Much of it is of great interest and is distinctly the work of a man keenly devoted to mind study. But when he comes to a description of the German soldier, we must write him down either as an exceedingly credulous and sentimental person or else as having the same love for lying, and hypocrisy as his rulers. For this is a sample of what we find: "Anyone who has exact knowledge of the psychology of our soldiers, laughs at the lies about their atrocities. Fraud and treachery have certainly been sterner and ruthlessly avenged, but these men are like big children." Either Dr. Mehler is humbugging himself or he is seeking to humbug others. The "eye-witness" account of the unspeakable horrors of the German occupation of Belgium, which we have been publishing during the past few days, will hardly be explained away as the deeds of big children—as the punishment for "fraud and treachery."

## DAY BY DAY.

"A GOOD LIE FOR ITS OWN SAKE IS EVER PLEASING TO HONEST MEN, BUT A PATCHED-UP RECORD, NEVER."

## The Weather.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 75; fine.  
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 68; scotch mist.

## Count the Columns.

Yesterday the *Telegraph* published 37 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 35½ published.

## The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Due per a.s. Amazon to-morrow.  
Siberian Mail.—Closed per a.s. Liangchow to-day at 3 p.m.  
U.K. and Canadian Mail.—Closed per a.s. Shidzoku Maru to-day at 3 p.m.  
Australian Mail.—Closes per a.s. Aldenham to-morrow at 10 a.m.

## Up to the Minute—Share Market News.

Closing prices—  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.—\$93, sellers.  
Shanghai Cottons in Shanghai.—Tls. 98, buyers.  
Langkai's.—Tls. 41, buyers.  
Douglas Steamship Co. Ltd.—\$40.  
Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd. 93½, sales.  
China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. \$115½, sellers.  
Hongkong and K. W. and G. Co. Ltd. \$70, buyers.  
Hongkong and W'poa—D. Co. Ltd. \$83, sales.  
Ewo's.—Tls. 154, buyers.  
Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.—84, buyers.  
Hongkong Tramway Co. Ltd.—5.15, nom.

## The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1s 9.13/16d.

## To-day's Anniversary.

To-day is the 236th anniversary of the passing of Habeas Corpus Act.

## Theft of Jewellery.

A Chinese woman has made a complaint to the police that during Tuesday or Wednesday some person stole from her premises money and jewellery to the value of \$410.

## Another Gold Watch Missing.

A Chinese merchant living at Possession Street has had stolen from the pocket of his jacket which was hanging on the wall in his room, a gold watch and chain with appendages valued at \$175.

## The Simple Passenger.

A passenger who arrived in Hongkong by the a.s. Kwongtai entrusted a coolie with the task of delivering his baggage at his address in New Street. The coolie took over the packages but has not yet delivered the goods.

## Pearls Stolen.

A Chinese married woman residing at 21 Wellington Street has reported to the Police that she has had stolen from her dressing case a silver head dress mounted with pearls valued at \$250 and two gold hair pins valued at \$21.

## Doctors Volunteer for the Front.

Among the Hongkong residents who have left for the front are Drs. B. B. Hadden and W. B. Walsley of the Wesleyan Mission, both of whom have been recommended for commissions. Dr. Hadden left by the a.s. Nabia and Dr. Walsley is to leave by the a.s. Perseus.

## Trench Output.

We have been favoured with the following information in connection with the Trench Mines Ltd.:  
January 1915. Output 131 tons; estimated value \$11,700; expenditure \$8,200.  
February: Output 129 tons; estimated value \$11,700; expenditure \$8,460.  
March: Output 160 tons; estimated value \$14,600; expenditure \$9,200. Total tons, 410; value \$33,000; expenditure \$25,860.

## NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

## GERMANY'S REPLY TO AMERICA.

## The New Cabinet.

At last we have the official list of the members forming the new Cabinet. The item which stands out as unquestionably the most interesting is that relating to the office to which Mr. Lloyd George has been appointed: Minister of Munitions. There is a wisdom about the choice which will appeal to all. Mr. Lloyd George is, before everything, a business man, and it is in the hands of such that the management of war supplies should lie. In addition, he has, and always has had, the ear of the working man, who will be far more readily influenced by what he says than by the orders or advice of a Conservative Minister. Above all, he has enthusiasm and under this far better than most of his colleagues the art of "hustle." As to Mr. Churchill's appointment, we are all at liberty to think what we please, but it will probably be many a year before the outside world is allowed to know why the First Lord of the Admiralty became Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

## The Nebraskan.

Yesterday, it will be remembered, one of Reuter's wires spoke of a marked change in the attitude of Germany towards America, consequent on Italy's entry into the war. Germany was said to be asking for a delay before replying to the Washington Note, and was represented as "willing to make great concessions in order to conciliate the United States and avoid trouble." If her anxiety was genuine, then we are rather sorry for the commander of the submarine who, not being in his Government's confidence, has taken upon himself to sink an American vessel just at the moment when Germany was seeking a better understanding. But there is the alternative aspect: that our enemy's new attitude was either imaginary or else sarcastic, and that the real reply to the American Note is the deliberate sinking of an American ship; and this latter view will, we think, be the popular one.

## The Italian's Good Beginning.

Austria and Italy have not wasted much time in coming to actual blows. The Austrians seem to have effected an entry into the enemy's country by way of the Lombardy frontier only to be turned back, leaving several hundred troops behind as prisoners. At other points of the border it was the Italians who did the invading, and with very different results. The enemy's resistance is described as "feeble" and "abortive," while our ally's offensive steadily continues. As might have been supposed, Trieste is evidently the first objective, and whatever Austria—unhindered by nearly ten months' war and with her energies not required in other directions—might be able to do, her outlook, under present circumstances, where the defence of her sea-board is concerned, cannot be called a hopeful one, geographical advantage notwithstanding.

American purchases from the British Isles increased from \$160,048,770 in 1904 to \$233,209,035 in 1914.

Authoritative information has reached Sheerness that Mr. Geo. McCann, a former dockyardman, and his wife and baby have been murdered at Auckland, New Zealand, by a young German employed on McCann's dairy farm. The latter attacked them with a hatchet.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## The "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.

The annual general meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd. was held this afternoon at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. the Hon. Mr. D. Landale presiding.

There were also present Sir O. P. Chater O.M.C., and the Hon. Mr. Shellim, directors, and Messrs. M. S. Northcote, C. S. Cubbay, A. E. Crapnell, Ho Fook, J. W. Taylor, A. A. Fyfe, S. H. Dodwell, F. Smyth and O. E. Warren, shareholders, and the secretary Mr. W. S. B. own.

The chairman.—As it is past the hour for which this meeting has been called and as there is a quorum present I will ask the secretary to read the notice, convening the same.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the chairman said:—  
Gentlemen, I propose with your permission to follow the customary practice and take the report and accounts as read.

The gross earnings from the ferry were \$16,010.66 less than last year, the decrease being chiefly due to the prevalence of plague at Yumati during the early part of our financial year and to the fewer number of steamers using the Kowloon wharves since the war broke out. Both these causes were responsible for a very heavy falling off in our 3rd. class receipts, while the absence of tourists and the exodus of a number of Europeans from Kowloon largely affected our returns from first class passengers. It has therefore been necessary to reduce the dividend from working profits.

The larger amount of interest earned during the year is due to the fact that we have been able to place several amounts on mortgage at more advantageous rates and permits of the increase in the bonus from this account.

The contract with Government in respect of railway passengers commenced on 1st March this year, and as you are doubtless aware the assumption of the obligations in connection with these passengers necessitated a large capital outlay.

I am sorry to say, however, that the Government do not share our views in regard to the position in this connection, which stated shortly are that the temporary arrangement made by us with the railway authorities under which we have been working for some time, and where under the fares to railway passengers were very largely reduced, should continue no longer, and that the fares in question should be raised to the scale originally fixed between the Government and the company, inasmuch as the present fares not only altogether fail to produce an adequate return on the capital outlay, but result in actual loss to the company. The view taken by the Government is that, with some slight exceptions, the present fares should not be raised.

We have been in correspondence with the government upon this subject for several months with very little beneficial result so far, but we still hope that notwithstanding their present attitude (which amounts to a practical denial of our claims) they may yet be induced to appreciate the very strong equitable case possessed by the company which your directors have no doubt whatever is such as to entitle the Company to have its wishes in the matter complied with.

I shall be happy to answer any question shareholders may have to put after the report and accounts have been proposed and seconded. I have much pleasure in proposing that the report and accounts as presented be adopted.

Mr. Gubbay:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—No shareholder has any questions to ask. I will put the motion before the meeting: it has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Crapnell that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. Those in favour please signify in the usual way—against—carried unanimously. The next business is the re-election of the retiring directors.

## BIG THEFT REPORTED.

Chinese Accused of the Larceny of \$18,000.

An important robbery is reported as having taken place at 119 Winglok Street, involving the huge sum of \$18,000.

A druggist of that address has reported to the Police that on the evening of the twenty-third or in the early morning of the next day some person entered his room and took the key of the safe. With this he was able to gain access to the money and succeeded in getting away with the above mentioned sum, in banknotes.

As a result of their investigations the police were able to effect an arrest and this morning a Chinese, appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court, upon a charge of the larceny of the money.

Mr. Dixon, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the prosecution and Mr. P. W. Goldring for the defence.

The magistrate ordered a remand until Wednesday next at 9.30 a.m., bail being allowed in the sum of \$10,000.

## COAL REPORT.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough in the Coal Report under date of May 20 State:—

No sales of importance reported. Quotations:—

Other Kinds.  
Fushun—Uncovered \$8.00 per ton ex-ship, nominal. Fushun Lump \$8.80, Fushun Dust \$7.50, Kaiping Navy Lump \$11.50, Kaiping Loco Lump \$8.20, Kaiping No 5 Dust \$7.25, Kaiping No 1 Dust \$7.00, Cardiff Coal—no stock. Australian Coal \$17.50 ex godown, for sale.

Japanese Coals.  
Miike Lump \$10.00 per ton ex ship, nominal. Miike Washed Nuts \$10.00, Miike Dust \$7.50, Aikake Lump \$8.30, Yoshio \$7.60, Tagawa Lump \$12.50, Onoura 3 ft. Lump \$8.80, Ida Lump \$8.00, Shinnew Pillar \$8.50, Kanada 5 ft. Dust \$7.40, Iwaseki Lump \$7.30, Namazuta Lump \$8.80, Namazuta Uncovered \$7.90, Namazuta Nuts \$7.40.

## HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Before Commander O.W. Beckwith R.N., at the M. Rine Court this morning, Lance Sergeant W.R. Sutton charged five boat people, with unlawfully failing to keep their yalms out of the water, or rigged so as not to project outward whilst lying alongside the a.s. Aldenham, in the harbour on the 27th inst. Defendants were fined \$2 each.

P.C. Wills charged seven boat-people with unlawfully making fast their boats to the a.s. Namazuta whilst under way in the harbour on the 27th inst. The sixth defendant was fined \$50 and the others \$30 each.

Mr. Northcote:—I beg to propose that the retiring director, the Hon. Mr. D. Landale be re-elected.

Mr. A. E. Crapnell:—I beg to second that.

The chairman:—My re-election as director has been proposed by Mr. Northcote and seconded by Mr. Crapnell. All those in favour please signify in the usual way—against—carried unanimously. The next business is the re-election of the retiring directors.

Mr. O. E. Warren:—I beg to propose that Mr. F. Maitland be re-elected auditor at a remuneration of \$200 per annum.

Mr. Ho Fook:—I beg to second. The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Ho Fook that Mr. F. Maitland be re-elected auditor at a remuneration of \$200 per annum. Those in favour please signify in the usual manner—against—carried unanimously. That is all the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance; dividend warrants may be had on application on and after Friday March 28.



## THE EDUCATION OF HONGKONG.

## Substantial Increase in Expenditure.

The report of the Director of Education for the year 1914 states *inter alia*—

After deducting the school fees received, the total net expenditure on education was \$216,843 (\$195,910 in 1913). This is, by nearly \$20,000, the largest amount spent in any year on education in the Colony. The increase is mainly in connection with the Education Ordinance. The ratio which expenditure on education bears to the total revenue of the Colony is 2.3, and is the lowest since 1906.

School and Technical Institute fees amounting to \$75,792 were collected (\$73,248 in 1913). In addition \$3,585 fees were remitted to free scholars, (\$3,759 in 1913).

Kowloon British School.—The average attendance at Kowloon School was 52 (52 in 1913). Five German children left. A playground has been made behind the school, of which full advantage has been taken. The boys have the use of a football ground twice a week. The girls have started a hockey club. The school was twice visited by the Government Medical Officer, who comments adversely on the condition of the children's teeth. Otherwise their health has been good.

Victoria British School.—The Head Master, Mr. Sutherland, was given a commission in the Army in November. His place was taken by Mr. Barlow. The Staff has been considerably strengthened. It is satisfactory to note that the two Student Teachers employed received their entire education at a Departmental (Kowloon) School.

Peak School.—The School was opened on January 6th in temporary premises at the Peak Hotel. 8 former pupils of a small private school, which had been carried on for some time in the house of a resident of the Peak, formed the nucleus around which the present numbers have grown. In all 31 children have passed through the school, and the year closed with 50 in actual attendance. 11 pupils have left: in 9 cases the reason was the departure of their parents from the Peak District.

The numbers at Queen's College have been diminishing for a number of years: this is due mainly to the abolition of the lowest classes and to the partial system of promotions. This system is now producing most desirable results in raising the standard of written Chinese throughout the school system of the Colony. The decrease in numbers which, I hope, is merely temporary and not likely to go further, was foreshadowed in my report for last year. It has added to the cost per unit. The Commercial Course, described in my last report, has been in working order during the year and seems popular. Owing to the withdrawal of one of the Science Masters for censorship duty the Chemistry syllabus has had to be modified. In other respects the new courses of study as described last year are being worked out normally.

District Schools. Saiyingpun has the largest average attendance, 359 (380 in 1913). Plague affected the number during May, June and July. The general results are not up to the standard of previous years. This is partly due to unavoidable changes in the Staff, the Head Master, Mr. Morris, being engaged as Normal Master at Queen's College until October, and Pupil Teachers acting for more senior Masters. The boys still enter into games enthusiastically, football and volleyball being the favourites. During the year bathing picnics and excursions have been held; Empire Day was celebrated by sports at Castle Peak Bay. The school contributed \$248 to the West River Flood Relief Fund.

Wanai School had an average attendance of 240 (249 in 1913), the decrease being due to Plague in the Spring. Since September the attendance has improved, and was higher than in the corresponding months of 1913. Work has progressed satisfactorily. In sports the school has been very successful, winning both the District Schools' Football Cup

and the Schools' Junior League Championship. Bathing picnics were held during the Summer when many boys learned to swim.

Yau-mat School has again increased in numbers. The average attendance was of 230 (189 in 1913). The growing success of this school is largely due to the enthusiasm and untiring efforts of the late Head Master, Mr. W. Curwen, whose death on military duty with the Volunteers was deeply felt by his pupils and the whole Staff of the Education Department.

Belilios Public School for Girls.—The Belilios Public School has for the first time for many years shown a falling off in numbers. I am unable at present to assign any definite cause for this. A full inspection is to take place in 1915. The work and general tone of the School continue to be very satisfactory.

Vernacular Private Schools. The following report by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools shows that considerable progress has been made, and that the Ordinance has already had some effect in raising the standard of the Private Vernacular Schools:— "During the year certificates were issued to 360 Day Schools. Of these 40 were existing Grant Schools, 223 existing Private and 97 new Private Schools. During the last six months of the year 1 Grant School, managed by the British Mission, was given up, and 23 existing and 28 new schools disappeared. In only two or three cases did the Managers notify the Department of the closing of these schools, and return the certificate.

"One effect of the Education Ordinance has been to get rid of many of the worst schools. Of the 109 Private Day Schools now existing there are only 88 thoroughly satisfactory ones compared with 148 last year, and of these 19 will not be allowed to continue after the Chinese New Year, 1915. Of the remaining 183 there are 20 which are on a decidedly higher level than the rest; the remaining 169 are in many cases barely satisfactory.

"Of Night Schools, 2 existing and 6 new ones were registered. One of the former closed during the year, and 3 of the latter. Vernacular Night Schools are such irregular and spasmodic affairs that teachers evidently have not thought it worth their while to get registered.

"Thus there are now, exclusive of the New Territories, 312 Vernacular Schools (30 Grant, 269 Private Day and 4 Private Night)—a decrease of 38.

"There were 6 Prosecutions during the year, 5 of which resulted in unlawful schools being closed.

"Owing to the pressure of work in connection with registering all the Schools for the first time, it was impossible to set about a systematic inspection. All the schools were visited by me at least once, except 8 which had been visited at the end of 1913 and registered soon after. Many had to be visited several times owing to the inaccurate details supplied in the first instance, and 97 new schools had to be visited and classified.

"All Schools were visited also by the sub-inspector, most of them more than twice. Much of his time has been taken up with answering questions as to what is meant by a time table, roll call, etc., and with helping teachers to fill in the forms required."

Cadet Company. The annual camp of instruction for 1914-15 was held from the 2nd to the 11th January, 1915, at Dome Hill in the New Territories. Lieutenant Crowther Smith being in command. Of 62 who attended, the Victoria School contributed 16 and Kowloon School 17 (13 and 7 in 1913). The weather was far from good, and interfered to a certain extent with the work. The Camp was inspected by His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and Lieutenant Colonel Chapman, Officer Commanding Hongkong Volunteer Corps. The Inspector of English Schools speaks highly of the arrangements made for the welfare of the boys, who all looked strong and healthy. A Hospital Tent was established, and an orderly from the R.A.M.C. was present from the whole time, but there were no cases of sickness. The boys were all anxious to remain longer in Camp.

## ENTRIES FOR THE GYMKHANA.

The following are the Entries for the Gymkhana to be held on June 5:

Three Quarter Mile Race:— Corporation, Bealook, Alverstone (late Welsh Chief) The Duke Dahlia, Castellan, Baroda Chief, Gwalior Chief, Radium II, Wild Cat.

Ladies' Nomination:—(Tent Pegging. Mr. G. K. H. Bratton, Mr. C. O. Boyd, Mr. L. P. Goldney, Mr. Knoll, Mr. C. H. Blason, Capt. Hattersley-Smith, Lieut. A. W. Fortas R.N., Major Lawder, Lieut. R. Wyndham-Quin R.N., Capt. Thomson.

Gymkhana Stakes:— Tinker, Soldier, Roman Chief, Aldwyoh, The Duke, Dahlia, Mascotte, Maybey, Wild Cat, Lorenzo.

Polo Pony Scurry:— Tipperary, Ma Eve, Whiteboy, Fluke, Sir Galahad, Snowflake. From the two mile post once round and in Handicap. "Thurleston, Soldier, Jed, Winning Hazard, Aldwyoh, Shabrang, Kukri, Turzum, Baroda Chief, Gwalior Chief, Lucky Gem. One and a quarter mile race. Handicap. Lucky Gem, Thurleston, Tinker, Soldier, Winning Hazard, Aldwyoh, The Duke, Dahlia, Mascotte, Castellan, Maybey, Shabrang, Baroda Chief, Wild Cat.

## GREAT ITALIAN AQUEDUCT.

Brings Mountain Water Through 1875 Miles of Pipe.

Bari, Italy, April 15.—Water from the Apennines was distributed after this week for the first time to the provinces of Bari, Foggia and Lecce through the Aquila aqueduct, the largest in the world, which was begun in 1906. More than 2,000,000 persons now are assured of a supply fresh from mountain streams, brought through 1875 miles of pipe. The territory served has suffered for centuries from lack of an adequate supply.

For the construction of the aqueduct, the cost of which is estimated at \$30,000,000 and upon which 40,000 workmen have been engaged nearly 10 years, the course of the Sole River has been diverted. A collecting basin has been built at its source, 1370 feet above the level of the sea, whence the waters are conveyed by tunnel for seven and one half miles, penetrating a water shed and then through the aqueduct, which is 135 miles long. While the most important parts of the aqueduct have been completed, it will take a year longer to finish all the minor details.

## Marine War Risks.

The Japanese marine insurance contracts concluded in the course of the month of March in accordance with the Law of War-time Insurance were 8,394 in number and aggregated ¥69,354,000 in value, premium amounting to ¥135,623.

## Boy Scouts.

The St. Joseph's Scouts, established last year, have continued to flourish, although the numbers were reduced in consequence of the rule that "Baden-Powell" troops should consist of British subjects only. The first Scout camp has just been held, the boys encamping on the ground obtained for them at a nominal rental from the Royal Engineers, west of Murray Barracks. Instruction was given in "Tender-foot" work, bridging, camping, etc.

During the year, the boys have been taught Stretcher Bearing (at the Military Hospital), First Aid and Bandaging, Swimming and Life Saving, Artificial Respiration, Morse Signalling, Knotting and Splicing, Natural History Camp-cooking and the elementary Scout Tests.

On two occasions the Scouts assisted the Volunteers on Field Days by distributing ammunition to the men in the firing line, and by acting as messengers, signallers and orderlies.

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

## BUTTER &amp; CHEESE.

Owing to the abnormal prices ruling at present in Australia for Butter, and the rise in the price of Canadian Skilton Cheese, we have been compelled to advance our retail prices to the following:—

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| DAISY BUTTER | ... .. | \$1.10 per lb. |
| DAIRYMAID    | ... .. | 1.00           |
| BUTTERCUP    | ... .. | .90            |
| PASTRY       | ... .. | .80            |
| CHEESE       | ... .. | .70            |

These prices have been approved by the Food Committee and will come into force on and after the 24th instant.

## OVERSEAS AIRCRAFT APPEAL.

Two Aeroplanes Subscribed.

Mr. J. J. Bryan of the Public Works Department, who is the Corresponding Secretary for Hongkong of the Overseas Club, telegraphed on Empire day to the Club as follows:—

"One aeroplane subscribed expert another."

He has to-day received the following telegram from Mr. E. Wrench, the Secretary of the Club:— "Splendid. Your contribution makes the number of the Imperial Flotilla three—Lord Kitchener writes cordially congratulating Overseas Club—He hopes that every section of the Empire will present an Aeroplane. The Central Committee trusts that Hongkong's example will inspire many more—Our first Aeroplane is already at the front."

## Subscription List No. 5.

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| Mr. Tse Yam Chi                  | ...  | 100    |
| Mr. G. H. Bowker                 | ...  | 25     |
| "F"                              | ...  | 200    |
| Mr. T. G. Weall                  | ...  | 25     |
| Collected by Mr. B. W. Cormack:— |      |        |
| Officers a.s. "Kutsang"          | 45   |        |
| Capt. and Officers               |      |        |
| Ravenne Steamer                  |      |        |
| "Kaipan"                         | 45   |        |
| Mr. W. Elliot                    | ...  | 3      |
| Mr. J. McAlister                 | s.s. | 3      |
| "Hopsang"                        | ...  | 3      |
| Mr. D. Mason                     | s.s. | 5      |
| "Hopsang"                        | ...  | 5      |
| Mr. E. D. Davis                  | s.s. | 5      |
| "Hopsang"                        | ...  | 5      |
| Mr. A. L. Prince                 | s.s. | 5      |
| "Hopsang"                        | ...  | 5      |
| Mr. F. O. Hall                   | ...  | 11     |
| Dr. Koch                         | ...  | 25     |
| Mr. J. D. Lloyd                  | ...  | 20     |
| Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse           | ...  | 30     |
| Rev. N. C. Pope                  | ...  | 25     |
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| Capt. Leask                      | ...  | 2      |
| Dr. Sheldon                      | ...  | 2      |
| Capt. Manro                      | ...  | 5      |
| Capt. Holmwood                   | ...  | 2      |
| Mr. A. E. Silkestone             | ...  | 5      |
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| Mr. Lau Chan Ming                | ...  | 5      |
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| Mr. A. F. Arcalli                | ...  | ...    |
| Mr. Chau Pek Chuen               | ...  | ...    |
| Mr. Mak Sui Tang                 | ...  | ...    |
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| Messrs. S. S. S. Gubbay          | ...  | 150    |
| and Howard                       | ...  | 30     |
| Mr. H. C. Resker                 | ...  | 50     |
| Mr. Lo Chung Kee                 | ...  | 50     |
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| A. H. H.                         | ...  | 25     |
| H. B. B.                         | ...  | 10     |
| Mr. R. J. Howard                 | ...  | 10     |
| Mr. E. W. Dawson                 | ...  | 10     |
| H. A. L.                         | ...  | 10     |
| F. E.                            | ...  | 10     |

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| Mr. J. C. Clark     | ... | 10  |
| Capt. Jenkins       | ... | 10  |
| H. H. T.            | ... | 10  |
| J. H. B.            | ... | 10  |
| Moonraker           | ... | 10  |
| A. E. W.            | ... | 10  |
| Capt. L.            | ... | 10  |
| "Another"           | ... | 10  |
| Mr. D. J. Mackenzie | ... | 5   |
| L. A. K.            | ... | 5   |
| O. U.               | ... | 5   |
| Mr. D. Tolland      | ... | 5   |
| Mr. T. W. Mackay    | ... | 5   |
| C. W. R.            | ... | 5   |
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| "F. W. Robertson"   | ... | 5   |
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Hongkong, 26th May, 1915.

N. J. STABB.

Hon. Treasurer.

Home Governments' Appreciation.

His Excellency the Governor

has received the following telegrams:—

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies:—"Your telegrams of May 13th, May 24th and May 25th. His Majesty's Government greatly appreciate generous gift of aeroplanes."

From the Overseas Club:—"Central Committee send grateful thanks on behalf of Army Council for Hongkong's magnificent donation to Royal Flying Corps. Arranging presentation ceremony. Will cable later."

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 3rd day of June, 1915, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1914.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 31st May, to FRIDAY, the 4th June, 1915, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 25th May, 1915.

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| Destination.                                                                           | Subject to Alteration | Steamers.                                                        | Sailing Date                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MARSEILLES AND LONDON, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said                |                       | \$Fushimi Maru<br>Capt. Irizawa<br>\$Hirano Maru<br>Capt. Fraser | T. 21,000 {THURS., 3rd June, at noon.<br>T. 16,000 {THUR., 17th June at noon.   |
| VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE via Keshung, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi, and Yokohama |                       | \$Shidzuoka Maru<br>Capt. Tozawa<br>\$Aki Maru<br>Capt. Noma     | T. 12,500 {THURS., 27th May, at 4 p.m.<br>T. 12,500 {TUES., 15th June at 4 p.m. |
| SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane               |                       | \$Tangō Maru<br>Capt. K. Soyeda<br>\$Nikko Maru<br>Capt. Takeda  | T. 13,500 {TUES., 15th June at 4 p.m.<br>T. 9,600 {FRI., 18th July at 4 p.m.    |
| CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon                                               |                       | Kawachi Maru<br>Capt. Kurozumi                                   | T. 12,500 {TUESDAY, 1st June.                                                   |
| BOMBAY via Singapore, Malacca and Colombo                                              |                       | Sanuki Maru<br>Capt. Tsuda                                       | T. 12,500 {MONDAY, 31st May.                                                    |
| SHANGHAI, Moji & Kobe                                                                  |                       | Iyo Maru<br>Capt. Okamoto                                        | T. 12,500 {TUESDAY, 1st June.                                                   |
| NAGASAKI, Kobe & Yokohama                                                              |                       | Nikko Maru<br>Capt. Takeda                                       | T. 9,600 {SUNDAY, 13th June, a.m.                                               |
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|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
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| Hirano       | 16,000 "      | " 17th June       |
| Katori       | 20,000 "      | " 1st July        |
| Kamo         | 16,000 "      | " 15th July       |
| Kashima      | 21,000 "      | " 29th July       |

## FOR AMERICA.

| Steamers.      | Displacement. | Leave Hongkong.   |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Shidzuoka Maru | 12,500 tons   | Thursday 27th May |
| Aki            | 12,500 "      | Tuesday 15th June |
| Tamba          | 12,500 "      | " 29th June       |
| Yokohama       | 12,500 "      | Thursday 8th July |
| Sado           | 12,500 "      | Tuesday 27th July |

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|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| HONGHAI & PAKHOI      | Singam    | 28th May at 11 a.m. |
| HONGHAI & H'PHONG     | Sungkiang | 29th May at 11 a.m. |
| SHANGHAI              | Kanchow   | 30th May at 4 p.m.  |
| MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO | Chinhua   | 1st June at 4 p.m.  |
| SHANGHAI              | Luchow    | 1st June at 4 p.m.  |
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|-----------|-------|----------------------|-------|------------------------|
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| Tilmanock | JAPAN | 28th May             | S'HAJ | 1st half June          |
| Tilajap   | JAVA  | 25th May             | JAPAN | 1st half June          |
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|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
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|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
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|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
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| Haiching    | W. C. Passmore | TUES., 1st June at 1 p.m. |
| Haimun      | A. H. Stewart  | FRI., 4th June at 1 p.m.  |

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## LOG BOOK.

## A Japanese Cruiser Strikes

## Uncharted Rock.

The Tokyo Asahi reports that the Japanese warship Ohikuma, while cruising in Chinese waters, struck an uncharted rock. The cruisers Ikoma and Kurama, which happened to be near at the time, proceeded to the rescue, and after some difficulty the Ohikuma was refloated, although her hull is badly damaged. The vessel was towed to an island west of Kynabu. On receipt of the news of the accident the Sasebo Naval Station immediately sent help.

## Commandeering of Steamers.

One effect of having to be prepared for warlike operations is the depletion of Japan's already insufficient mercantile fleet. The Ohikuma-maru (3,142 tons, chartered by the O. S. K.), the Noiselmuru (2,473 tons, owned by Mr. Harada of Osaka), and other steamers are discharging cargo at Kobe, reports the Asahi, having been commandeered by the Government. All steamers ready to sail for Shanghai and North China have cancelled sailings and asked shippers to take back their goods. However, it is expected that if war breaks out, the small tramps which carry a large part of the China trade will be thrown out of work, whatever may be the increased scarcity of tonnage, owing to larger ships being taken up as transports. The Nippon Yusen, Osaka Shosen, and Toyo Kisen companies are continuing their regular sailings, having received no orders from the Government to suspend or alter them. The Loochi says there are enough Japanese troops in China already to crush what it contemptuously calls the disconnected, irregular, and undisciplined Chinese army. Even if more troops have to be sent it will only be a few and not in such a hurry as the Tsingtau expedition, and transports will be used chiefly for the purpose of carrying war supplies. Foreign steamer services will not be affected. There are 440 steamers of 1,000 tons or over engaged in coasting or local trade, 31 of them being tramps, and in the opinion of the Hochi those thrown out of employment by the stoppage of trade will be sufficient to do all the necessary transport work. If this be so, it is a more cheerful outlook for Japanese shipping than the other prognostication quoted.

## Shipbuilding.

In the course of the current month, the Japanese mercantile marine will receive a fine addition in the launching of two big vessels—the Hawaii-maru of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, 10,000 tons, at the Kawasaki Dockyard and the Manila-maru, a sister ship, at the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard. These vessels will be formally transferred to the owners early in August.

## N.Y.K. and Panama Route.

According to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha authorities, owing to the European hostilities, all the Company's freight liners on the European line will return via America, picking up freight on the way. The Tokushima-maru, 6,054 tons, sailed from London on the 6th instant, and will call at New York. The Tsushima-maru, 7,300 tons, left London on the 13th instant for Boston and Philadelphia, where she is expected to load oil to her fullest capacity, and return via the Panama Canal. Among the vessels just on the way for New York from London are also the Tottori-maru, 6,056 tons, and the Wakasa-maru, 6,327 tons, both of which will return via Panama.

## Obituaries.

The chief engineer of the B.I. steamer Golconda, Mr. Mackenzie, died at sea on April 21, on the voyage from Negapatnam to Penang. He was one of the oldest servants of the Company and had been on the same ship for twenty-seven years.

The death occurred at Wuhu on May 11 of Mr. L. B. Austin, late second officer of the I.O. steamer Wessing. Mr. Austin, who was for several years in the China Merchants' Co. went down to Hongkong on leaving that firm and returned to Shanghai about seven months ago, obtaining employment in the Indo-China.

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|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
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| MANILA.....           | Yuensang  | Sat., 29th May at 3 p.m.    |
| SHANGHAI via Swatow   | Wingsang  | Sun., 30th May at daylight  |
| HOIHOW & Haiphong     | Taksang   | Sun., 30th May at daylight  |
| SHANGHAI.....         | Kwongsang | Tues., 1st June at daylight |
| SANDAKAN.....         | Mausang   | Thur., 3rd June at noon     |
| S'PORE, Pang & C'outa | Namsang   | Thur., 3rd June at 3 p.m.   |
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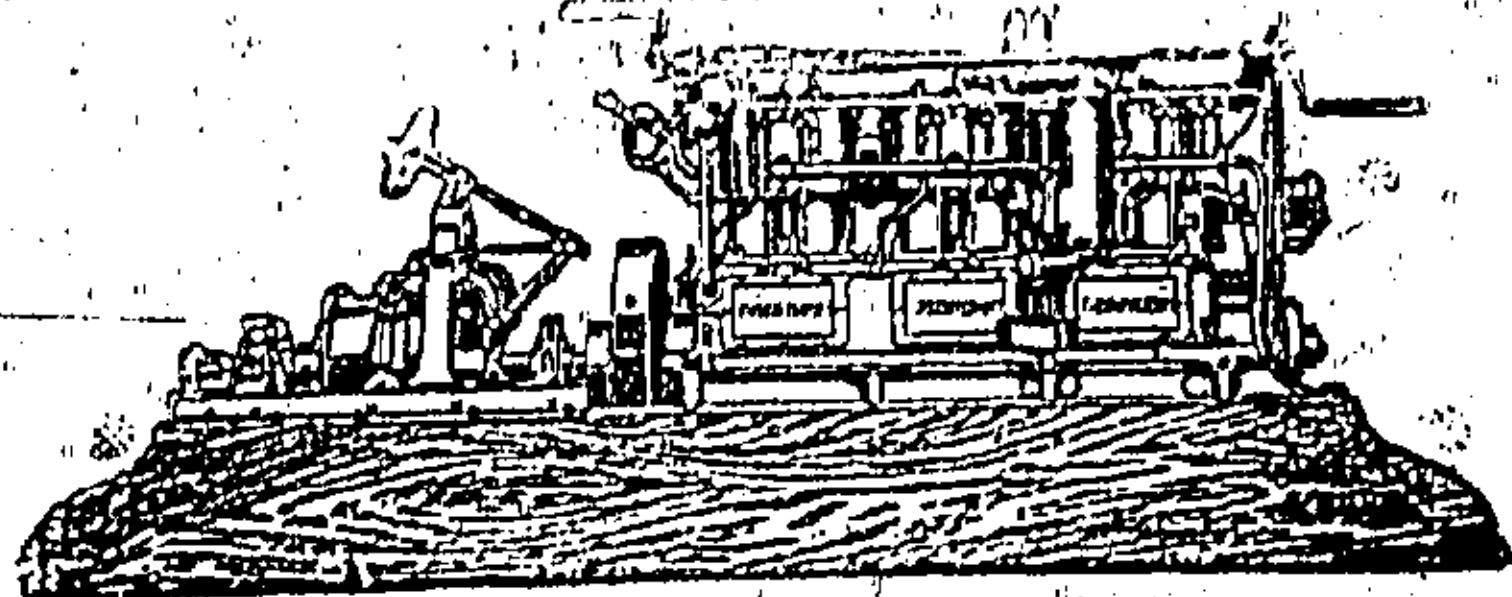
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| London                         | Monshire       | J. M. Co.             | 19. June          |

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|                                 |           |           |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
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| New York via Panama Canal       | M. Castle | D. & Co.  | E. of May |
| San F'co via S'hai & Japan &c.  | Siberia   | P. M. Co. | 1. June   |
| Boston & New York via Suez      | Tuscan P. | B. L. L.  | 10. June  |
| San F'co via S'hai & Japan &c.  | China     | P. M. Co. | 15. June  |
| San F'co via Manila & Japan &c. | Manchuria | P. M. Co. | 22. June  |
| South A'ca Ports expect Man'lo  | Kryo M.   | T. K. K.  | 10. July  |
| San F'co via M'la & Japan &c.   | Nippon M. | T. K. K.  | 13. July  |

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|                             |           |           |          |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Australian Ports            | Aldenharn | G. L. Co. | 28. May  |
| Australian Ports via Manila | Tango M.  | N. Y. K.  | 15. June |
| Australian Ports via Manila | Changsha  | B. & S.   | 25. June |

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|                                 |            |           |          |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Tamsui, K'lung via S'tow & Amoy | Daijin M.  | O. S. K.  | 30. May  |
| Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama       | Chili      | M. M.     | 31. May  |
| Singapore, Penang & Calcutta    | Namsang    | J. M. Co. | 3. June  |
| Shanghai                        | Malta      | P. & O.   | 3. June  |
| Sandakan                        | Mausang    | J. M. Co. | 3. June  |
| Singapore, Penang & Calcutta    | Dunera     | D. S. Co. | 4. June  |
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| S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama  | Karmala    | P. & O.   | 6. June  |
| Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama     | Nikko M.   | N. Y. K.  | 14. June |
| Shanghai, Y'hama, Kobe & Moji   | Itola      | D. S. Co. | 20. June |
| Singapore, Mauritius & South    |            |           |          |
| African Ports                   | Salamis    | B. L. L.  | 25. June |
| Shanghai                        | Tipanas    | J.C.J. L. | Q. desp. |
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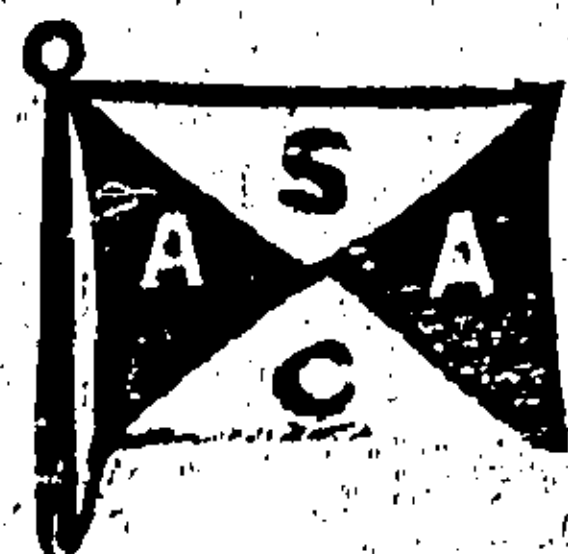
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# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. EXTRA

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1915.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### The Estate Duty Bill.

The usual meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon in the Council, H. E. the Governor presiding. There were present:—

H. E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General F. H. Kelly, C.B.)

The Hon. Mr. Claud Bouverie Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney General.

The Hon. Mr. S. B. O. Ross, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer, Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Hon. Mr. Wei Yak, C.M.G.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, C.M.G.

The Hon. Mr. E. Shollin.

The Hon. Mr. D. Landale.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

The Hon. Mr. H. F. Pollock, K. C.

### Finance.

The following recommendations by H. E. the Governor were referred to the Finance Committee:—

A sum of \$22,800 in aid of the Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong Miscellaneous, Upkeep of Plant, Repairs to Dredger St. Enob.

A sum of \$1,500 in aid of the Public Works, Extraordinary, Conversion of Old Pumping Station at Yeamat into a Branch Post Office.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the third reading of the bill intitled "An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of a supplementary sum of seven hundred and eighty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-two dollars and twenty-six cents, to defray the charges of the year 1914."

The Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the bill intitled "An Ordinance to amend the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914."

The Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the bill intitled "An Ordinance to provide for the levy of Estate Duty payable in respect of the estates of deceased persons."

Appropriation Bill was read a third time.

H. E. Excellency read the purport of two telegrams, one from the Secretary of State and the other from the Overseas Club, thanking Hongkong for the gift of two aeroplanes, and accepting the same. He (H. E. Excellency) had only to add that the generous subscribers to the cost of those two aeroplanes would be very well pleased with the grateful acceptance by His Majesty's Government. In this matter, as in many others in the past, Hongkong had shown a good lead to other Colonies. (applause)

### Estate Duty Bill.

The Hon. Attorney General in moving the second reading of the Bill said the principle of the Ordinance was shortly to provide that only persons of certain qualifications should be allowed to practise dentistry and perform dental operations. It was a common thing in other parts of the world to administer Anesthetics such as cocaine which produced unconsciousness and as persons administering would be of varying degree it was thought advisable that nothing should appear in the statute book which would encourage the administration of general anesthetics by persons who had not got special qualifications necessary for the purpose, and the principle of the ordinance was thus based. Dental operations at the time included administration of general anesthetics, the intention being, no

doubt, to provide that no unqualified person should administer general anesthetics with the hope that the administration of anesthetics of that kind should be restricted, at all events, to persons who had qualifications. Although the intention of the Ordinance was restrictive it might be interpreted in the opposite sense, and persons whose names appeared on the register might consider themselves invited although they had no qualifications, to administer anesthetics, and that the administration of general anesthetics was not restricted by law, but encouraged.

The Bill was read a second time. The Hon. Attorney General said that the objects were first to make what property was liable to duty, secondly to improve the machinery for collecting that duty, thirdly to prevent the evasion of duty in certain directions in which it occurred at present and to provide some method of securing and providing the necessary procedure for executors giving an account of their stewardship. The bulk of the Bill dealt with the first two points. The provisions would include certain property which at present was not liable to duty. It was merely the working out of the policy which had been already approved by this Council with certain amendments made in the law of 1911. In that year the stamp, Ordinances, and the Probate Ordinances were amended and he thought the intention of those amendments were to assimilate the law of Hongkong with the law of England, in that respect and to make property which would be liable in England to Estate duty, liable to a similar duty here, but the amendment was made in a rather compendious way and left considerable doubt on the effect of the change in the law, and did not define sufficiently clearly whose property was entitled to be chargeable to duty. He thought however those provisions were merely the working out of the principle which was approved four years ago. It was grossly unfair that certain property should bear the burden of duty.

The Hon. Mr. Hewett said that this was one of those cases where it was very inadvisable to too closely follow the English law. The English law should be adopted in Hongkong as far as it was possible but with consideration for local conditions. In the case of people who invested and died here it was quite different from the case of people in Great Britain. We looked very largely for our prosperity to our Chinese friends, most of whom were subjects or citizens of the Chinese Republic and who for the purposes of trade, came to this Colony and invested money in the Colony, and anything calculated to decrease their confidence in the Colony should be deprecated. The feeling of the Unofficial member was that this Bill would decrease that confidence. Many Chinese here were merely agents for the property of friends who had come here for investment and it was very difficult, almost impossible, to collect probate even if due under the existing Ordinance and on that principle they deprecated the change. They were grateful for the alteration that had been made in the Bill, but they were of opinion that further alterations should be made for the benefit of the Colony. Section 20 was inadvisable and they asked that it be deleted as it was not in the interests of the Colony that it should stand.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock said that clause 20, unlike the other provisions of that Bill was entirely without precedent; that was to say that in so far as he knew, either in the Home legislation, or previous legislation in this Colony, or any legislation in the Straits Settlements, or any other Colonies, any such as that which appeared in clause 20. The reason was

obvious—it was because that clause attempted to introduce an entirely new principle in regard to the administration of estates. They were quite familiar with the principle that the executor or administrator had to report, truly, everything under his charge, and that he had to do under the law at present in force in this Colony which was re-enacted in subsection 1 of clause 18 of that Bill. To that no one had any objection; it was quite reasonable, but clause 20 introduced an entirely new principle which brought in an outside party—a third person who had nothing to do with the administration of the estate of a deceased.

The Hon. Mr. Landale agreed with the Hon. Mr. Hewett and said that Probate Duty in this Colony was an unfair tax and he would go further and say that Probate Duty was an unsuitable tax. He thought that the State was not entitled to charge the estate of a deceased person any more than a sum which would be sufficient to defray the cost of the machinery to ensure that the money passed to the rightful owner, which roughly speaking, was about 3 per cent. Any larger charge was treating capital as income and in his opinion it was not the correct thing to do.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak also protested against the clause and pointed out the hardships it would inflict on the Chinese in this Colony.

H. E. Excellency said that the Government could not see its way clear to delete clause 20 because if they did that it would emasculate the whole measure. The arguments adduced against the clause proved the necessity for the clause. It was evident they invested and did not pay Probate Duty; if they did that clause would have no terrors for them at all.

The Bill then went through the Committee stage and was read a third time—the Unofficial members voting against.

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|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
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| " R. Aitken                                  | 10       |
|                                              | 210      |
|                                              | \$338.23 |

This amount (at 1/10—£31) will be remitted to the Treasurer of the Overseas Club Aircraft Fund, London, and the Hongkong Fund is accordingly closed.

N. J. STABB, Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 27 May, 1915.

Opium Seizure. To-day Inspector Wilden visited a cargo boat and discovered on board 80 tins of opium valued at \$1,000 which was seized.

The Pope's First Letter to America.

Washington, April 15.—The American cardinals and the largest attendance of the Catholic hierarchy ever gathered in this country received today the first letter of Pope Benedict XV. to the United States at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Catholic University of America. Honorary degrees were conferred upon Walter George Smith and Ernest Laplace, Philadelphia; and Frederick Courtland Penfield, of New York.

## MASTER MARINER'S CLAIM.

### Action For Wrongful Dismissal.

In the Summary Court, this morning, Mr. Justice Hazeland, gave his decision in the action in which G. W. Ellis sued the Pharonang steamship Company Ltd. for \$472.50 being as to \$247.50 for thirty-three days salary earned and \$225, balance thereof for damages for wrongful dismissal.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston appeared for the defendant.

It will be remembered that the case for the plaintiff was that he was allowed by the captain to leave the ship when he was suffering from lumbago on the understanding that he would be permitted to return when his health was restored. He underwent treatment but when he wanted to return to his ship he was told by the company's superintendent that his services were no longer required. In reply the defendant stated that the plaintiff signed off the articles when he went ashore and was paid up to that time and that no month's money was due in lieu of wrongful dismissal.

His Lordship delivered the following judgment:— "I will now deal with the Statutory defense under the Merchant's Shipping Act, 1894."

I would first refer to section 115 subsections 5 and 6 which sets out the condition of a running agreement. By the articles put in, it will be seen that the agreement in the present case was a running agreement.

Then we have section 247 as to the business of its mercantile marine officer and amongst his duties, he is to superintend and facilitate the engagement and discharge of seamen in the manner in this act provided.

Then we have section 127 which relates to the discharge of seamen. On March 13 the plaintiff signed off the articles by "mutual consent."

The superintendent was present when the same articles were signed.

Then we come to section 136. This section is as follows:—"136 (1) Where a seaman is discharged and the settlement of his wages completed, before a superintendent, he shall sign in the presence of the superintendent a release in the form approved by the Board of Trade of all claims in respect of the past voyage or engagement; and this release shall also be signed by the master or owner of the ship and attested by the superintendent."

(2) "The release so signed and attested shall operate as a mutual discharge and settlement of all demands between the parties thereto in respect of the past voyage or engagement."

The form of release and which was signed by the plaintiff was as follows:— "We the undersigned members of the crew of this ship do hereby release the ship and the master and owner or owners thereof, from all claim for wages or otherwise in respect of this voyage and I the master do hereby release the said undersigned members of the crew from all claims in respect of the said voyage."

Then we have the question whether it is necessary for the plaintiff to sign off to enable the 2nd officer to sign on as chief officer. The answer to that question is in the negative. We have Captain Milroy's evidence on this question and it is to the effect that there could be any number of supernumerary chief officers on a ship.

Then we come to the question whether the plaintiff signed off on the ground of illness. There is no statement in the articles that

## THE EXTRADITION CASE.

### Did a Rebellion Exist?

The case was continued this afternoon, in which the extradition to China is sought, of Hung Siu Lung on three charges of murder. Mr. E. H. Sharpe K.C., instructed by Mr. Paul Mary Hodgson, Crown Solicitor, appeared in support of the application, and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton defended.

A pawn broker gave evidence this afternoon that from a window he saw forty or fifty jobbers ransacking houses in Sam To Chuk.

In answer to Mr. Brutton witness said he was brought down from Sam To Chuk on May 18 by a constable. The constable told him that the robber of November 1 had been captured in Hongkong.

Mr. Brutton:—Is it not a fact that the merchants of Sam To Chuk gave a send off to Hung Siu Lung and the People's Army? Witness:—No, there was no such thing, everyone had cleared away.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

We are indebted to the American Consulate General Hongkong, for the following Typhoon Warning. The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory at 12 noon, May 27, 1915. Warning Depression northern part China Sea. Cyclone or typhoon S. E. of Naha. Moving N. E.

the plaintiff signed off on account of illness. In the official log on the 13th March the date the plaintiff signed off, there was the following entry: "Mr. Ellis let. mate signed off, Mr. Wilson 2nd officer promoted to 1st officer." On the 1st May, that is six months afterwards, Captain Fishman added after the words "signed off" the following words "on sick leave to rejoin when recovered." I might mention that the official log was altered after the writ was issued.

Then we come to the question with respect to Form O, C. 6. I am of opinion that this form is imperative, having regard to section 37 of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1908.

With respect to the construction to be placed on the word "may" in section 60 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906, I am of opinion this "may" here means mere permission, and not compulsory force. I am not without some doubt however on this point.

I will now deal with the contention put forward by Mr. Gardiner that this agreement has nothing to do with the Act, as the operation was subsequent to the signing off. I would point out that the agreement was made prior to the signing off. I am of opinion that this is the true position of things. If the agreement is to be regarded as a separate agreement.

Plaintiff has released the company by signing its articles under section 136.

If the claim under the agreement is co-extensive with the articles and which articles have terminated, the agreement also terminates. I am of opinion that the plaintiff having signed the articles by mutual consent, that this operates as a release and is a discharge and settlement of all demands between the parties.

My finding on this point is therefore in favour of the defendant.

As this finding disposes of the action, it is not necessary for me to decide the other points. Judgment for defendants with costs.

## LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

| May | Tons |
|-----|------|
| 1   | 342  |
| 2   | 379  |
| 3   | 324  |
| 4   | 369  |
| 5   | 330  |
| 6   | 389  |
| 7   | 362  |
| 8   | 357  |
| 9   | 358  |
| 10  | 410  |
| 11  | 366  |
| 12  | 332  |
| 13  | 327  |
| 14  | 328  |
| 15  | 311  |
| 16  | 310  |
| 17  | 373  |
| 18  | 320  |
| 19  | 346  |
| 20  | 334  |
| 21  | 414  |
| 22  | 411  |
| 23  | 394  |
| 24  | 357  |
| 25  | 294  |
| 26  | 334  |

Total to 26th inst. 9,184

Daily average 353.24

## SAYS LEPROSY IS CURABLE.

Physician from Siam Finds Little Danger of Contagion.

San Francisco, April 13.—"Leprosy is curable, and there is little danger of contracting the disease, as I have shown by having none but leprosy servants in my house for years."

This statement was made by Dr. Adolph H. Boehmer, who has arrived in New York from Siam. For five years Dr. Boehmer was Surgeon-General of that country and private physician to the late King Chulalongkorn. He has studied leprosy exclusively for several years.

"All the house boys I had during many years in Siam were afflicted with leprosy, and I cured them all, except those who had the disease in a too advanced form when they came to me," Dr. Boehmer said. "The cure is sure, and leprosy could be stamped out in this country in a short time."

Dr. Boehmer intends to go to Oahu to study the treatment of tropical diseases.—N. Y. E. Post.

## SULTAN THREATENS TO GIVE UP THRONE.

### Tired of Reigning.

Paris, April 16.—A special despatch to the Temps from Dadesgach (Turkey in Europe) says that at an Imperial Council held in Constantinople, Sultan Mehmed Rehad announced that he intended to abdicate if the capital were transferred from Constantinople.

Prince Yousouf Izzeddin, heir to the throne, violently attacked the policy of Enver Pasha and the Young Turks, which, he said, had brought the empire to ruin. The Sultan said he owed his throne to the Young Turks, but would have preferred never to have reigned than witness the misfortunes their crude and risky policy had brought upon the country. Addressing Prince Yousouf, he added: "I am tired of reigning and should be very happy if you could succeed me immediately."

The other members of the imperial family and the Sheikh ul Islam expressed the opinion that the moment was not ripe for such a change, as the accession of Prince Yousouf, opposed by Enver Pasha, would lead to grave internal trouble.—Public Ledger.

## VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

The undermentioned having joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—

No. 1840 Sapper F. H. M. Goods to Engineer Company.

No. 1850 Private P. R. Butler to Scouts Company.

### Weekly Reports.

The weekly state is required at the Orderly Room not later than 5 p.m. to-morrow, 25th inst.

### Parades.

Parades for Friday, 28th inst. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section—Musketry Instruction at Headquarters. Corpl. Grimes R. E. will attend. Remainder nil.

### Detail.

On duty at Headquarters, — From 7 a.m. to-morrow to 7 a.m. 29th inst.—No. 2 Section Art. Batty. Next for duty H.K.V.R. At Gun Club Hill, Kowloon.— On duty until morning of 29th inst.—No. 1 Station Art. Batty. and Left Sec. M. G. Co. Officer on duty Lieut. Ross.

Next for duty H. K. V. R. Orderly Officer Lieut. O. Smith. Orderly Sergeant Corpl. Gross. At Kowloon (Detention Camp).— On duty until morning of 29th inst.—H. K. V. R. On duty 29th inst.—Civil Service Company. Officer on duty 2nd, Lieut. Linl. sell.

Notices.—Nisbet V. Green—

Tennis Match.

In the event of this taking place on a regular drill day, all drills will be postponed until the following day.

## VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

H. K. V. R. Order No. 41 by Major W. Kemman Commanding, H. K. V. R.

Hongkong, 27th May 1915. Guards—The Detention Camp Guard will be relieved by the H. K. V. R. on Saturday May 29th. The H. K. V. R. will relieve the H. K. V. R. on the Gun Club Hill Guard on May 29th. Detail for the week, Section 1 of C. Coy. under Lieut. Branch.

The H. K. V. R. will relieve the H. K. V. R. on the Volunteer Headquarters Guard on May 29th. 1 N.O.O. & 3 men will form the guard from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 1 N.O.O. and 6 men from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

The Guard will be arranged by the Section Commanders from the Sections detailed below. Saturday May 29th Section 1 of B. Company.

Sunday May 30th Section 2 of B. Company.

Monday May 31st Section 3 of B. Company.

Tuesday June 1st Section 4 of B. Company.

Wednesday June 2nd Section 2 of C. Company.

Thursday June 3rd Sections 3 and 4 of C. Company.

Friday June 4th Sections 3 and 4 of C. Company.

Orderly Officer Lieut. E. Evans Jones.

Orderly Sergeant Corpl. J. H. McHutchon.

## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS. The T. K. K. CHIO-MARU which sailed from San Francisco on the 1st May, is expected to arrive at this port on Saturday, the 30th inst., about 6 a.m. The s.s. DUNERA from Calcutta left Singapore on the 26th May, morning and may be expected here on or about the 1st June, a.m.



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signees' risk and expense.Cargo remaining on board  
Wednesday, May 26th, 1915 at  
noon will be subject to landing  
charges and if undelivered  
Monday, May 30th, 1915 at 5 p.m.  
will be subject to both landing  
and storage charges.No Fire Insurance whatever  
will be effected.  
All cargo and otherwise dam-  
aged cargo will be examined at  
the above Company's godown  
May 26th, 1915, at 10 a.m.No claims will be entertained  
unless accompanied by short  
delivery note or list of exceptions  
taken at the time of delivery to  
consignees and signed for and on  
behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.  
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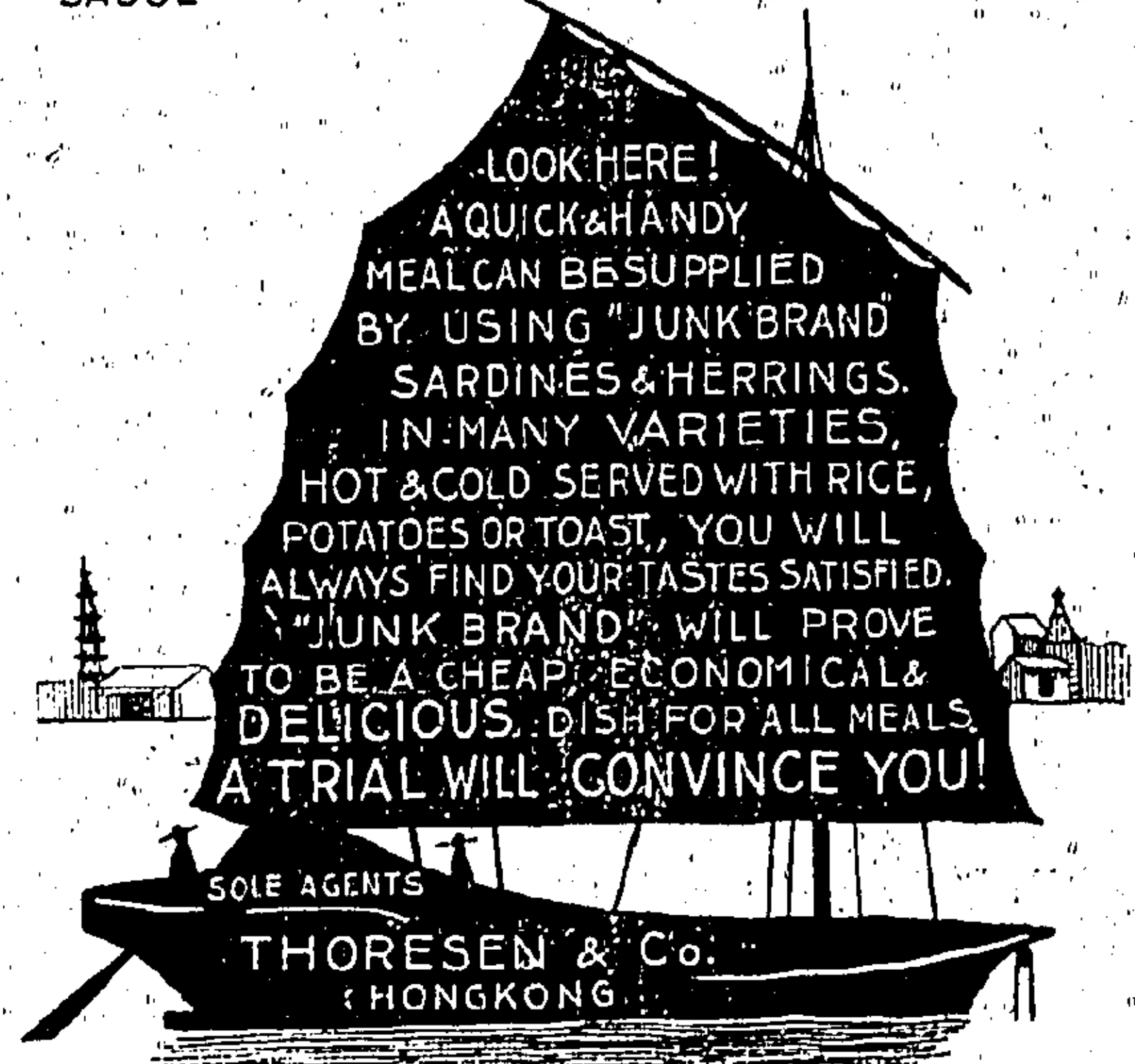
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## NOTICE.

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authority and imported into  
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taken against any persons found  
in possession of, or in any way  
dealing with, or handling such  
bags, and steps will be taken to  
recover the severest penalties of  
the law.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1915.

## OFFICIAL MARKET PRICES

Hongkong, March 12, 1915.

## BUTCHER MEAT.

|                                       |         |        |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Beef Sirloin—Mei Lung Pa              | lb.     | 19     |
| " Prime Cut—                          | "       | 21     |
| " Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk                 | "       | 19     |
| " Roast—Shiu                          | "       | 19     |
| " Breast—Ngau Lam                     | "       | 17     |
| " Song—Tong Yuk                       | "       | 16     |
| " Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa                   | "       | 20     |
| " do.—Sirloin—Ngau Lau                | "       | 30     |
| " Sausages—Ngau Cheung                | "       | 24     |
| Bullock's Brains—No                   | per set | 10     |
| " Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li               | each    | 50     |
| " corned—Ham Ngau Li                  | "       | 80     |
| " Head—Ngau Tau                       | lb.     | 14     |
| " Heart—Ngau Sum                      | "       | 14     |
| " Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin                 | "       | 20     |
| " Feet—Ngau Keuk                      | each    | 11     |
| " Kidneys—Ngau Yin                    | "       | 18     |
| " Tail—Ngau Mei                       | "       | 18     |
| " Liver—Ngau Kon                      | lb.     | 13     |
| " Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To           | "       | 6      |
| Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau-tai-tau-keuk | set     | \$1.00 |
| Mutton Chop—Yeung Pei Kwat            | lb.     | 25     |
| " Leg—Yeung Pei                       | "       | 25     |
| " Shoulder—Yeung Shau                 | "       | 24     |
| " Saddle—                             | "       | 27     |
| Pigs Chitlings—Chu Chong              | "       | 27     |
| " Brains—Chu No                       | per set | 24     |
| " Feet—Chu Keuk                       | lb.     | 13     |
| " Fry—Chu Chap                        | "       | 15     |
| " Head—Chu Tau                        | "       | 16     |
| " Heart—Chu Sum                       | each    | 11     |
| " Kidneys—Chu Yiu                     | "       | 18     |
| " Liver—Chu Kon                       | lb.     | 28     |
| Pork, Chop—Chu Pai Kwat               | "       | 24     |
| " Corned—Ham Chu Yuk                  | "       | —      |
| " Leg—Chu Pei                         | "       | 28     |
| " Fat or Lard—Chu Yau                 | "       | 20     |
| Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tau Keuk  | set     | 60     |
| " Heart—Yeung Sam                     | each    | 8      |
| " Kidneys—Yeung Yiu                   | "       | 12     |
| " Liver—Yeung Kon                     | lb.     | 26     |
| Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tsai       | "       | 22     |
| Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau             | "       | 20     |
| " Mutton—Shang Yeung Yau              | "       | 26     |
| Veal—Ngau Tsai Yuk                    | "       | 19     |
| " Sausages—Ngau Tsai Cheung           | "       | 20     |
| Lard—Chu Yau                          | "       | 20     |

## POULTRY:

|                             |         |    |
|-----------------------------|---------|----|
| Chicken—Kai Tsai            | lb.     | 35 |
| Capon, Large, Small—Sin Kai | "       | 34 |
| Ducks—Ap                    | "       | 32 |
| Doves—Pan Kau               | "       | 18 |
| Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking) | per doz | 20 |
| (fresh)—                    | "       | 36 |
| Fowls, Canton—Kai           | lb.     | 42 |
| " Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai        | "       | 30 |
| Geese—Ngo                   | "       | 24 |
| Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap     | each    | 28 |
| " Hoihow—Hoi How Pak Kap,   | "       | 25 |
| Snipe—Sha Tsui              | each    | 22 |
| Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung   | lb.     | 60 |
| " Hen—Na                    | "       | 45 |
| Pheasant—Shan Kai           | "       | 75 |
| Quail—Om Chun               | "       | 25 |
| Partridges—Che Ku           | "       | 65 |

## FISH:

|                                     |     |    |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Barbel—Ka Yu                        | lb. | 18 |
| Bream—Pin Yu                        | "   | 18 |
| Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu  | "   | 15 |
| Carp—Li Yu                          | "   | 20 |
| Catfish—Chik Yu                     | "   | 12 |
| Codfish—Man Yu                      | "   | 14 |
| Crabs—Hai                           | "   | 28 |
| Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu                  | "   | 16 |
| Dab—Sha Mang Yu                     | "   | 12 |
| Dace—Wong Mei Lap                   | "   | 13 |
| Dog Fish—Tit To Sha                 | "   | 10 |
| Eels, Conger—Hoi Man                | "   | 13 |
| " Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu            | "   | 18 |
| Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin               | "   | 32 |
| Frogs—Tin Kai                       | "   | 33 |
| Garoupe—Shek Pan                    | "   | 40 |
| Gadgou—Pak Kap Yu                   | "   | 20 |
| Herrings—Tao Pak                    | "   | 20 |
| Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap             | "   | 20 |
| Labrus—Wong Fa Yu                   | "   | 18 |
| Loach—Wu Yu                         | "   | 28 |
| Lobsters—Lung Ha                    | "   | 20 |
| Mackerel—Chi Yu                     | "   | 20 |
| Monk Fish—Mong Yu                   | "   | 32 |
| Mullet—Chai Yu                      | "   | 16 |
| Oysters—Shang Ho                    | "   | 22 |
| Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu             | "   | 12 |
| Perch—Tau Lo                        | "   | 18 |
| Pike—Fa Pau Fong                    | "   | 16 |
| Plaice—Pan Yu                       | "   | 15 |
| Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong            | "   | 28 |
| Pomfret, White—Pak Chong            | "   | 28 |
| Prawns—Ming Ha                      | "   | 38 |
| Ray—Fai Pa Sha                      | "   | 10 |
| Rock Fish—Shek Kau Kwag             | "   | 15 |
| Roach—Chun Yu                       | "   | 12 |
| Salmon—Ma Yau                       | "   | 30 |
| Shark—Sha Yu                        | "   | 7  |
| Skate—Po Yu                         | "   | 8  |
| Shrimps—Ho                          | "   | 25 |
| Snapper—Lap Yu                      | "   | 28 |
| Soles—Tat Sha Yu                    | "   | 28 |
| Tench—Wan Yu                        | "   | 18 |
| Turbot—Cho How Yu                   | "   | 18 |
| Turtles, small, fresh water—Keuk Yu | "   | 60 |

## FRUITS:

|                                       |     |    |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Almonds—Bang Yan                      | lb. | 35 |
| Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho | "   | 18 |
| " (Chesoo)—Tin Chan Ping Kho          | "   | —  |

## 肉食

|                                                    |      |    |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|----|
| Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Heung Chiu lb. | —    | 3  |
| " (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu                   | "    | —  |
| Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lut                       | "    | —  |
| Carambola—Yeung To                                 | "    | —  |
| Coconuts—Ye Tse                                    | each | 12 |
| Grapes—Po Tai Tsz                                  | lb.  | 36 |
| Lemons, China—Ling Mang                            | "    | 8  |
| " America—Kam Shan Liag Mang                       | "    | 10 |
| Lichees Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone                 | lb.  | 28 |
| " Fresh                                            | "    | —  |
| Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching             | "    | 5  |
| " Sweet                                            | "    | 8  |
| Pears, (American), K'm San Shoot Lay               | "    | 10 |
| " (Canton), Cooking—Sha Li                         | "    | 10 |
| Peanuts—Fa Shang                                   | "    | 10 |
| Plantain—Tai Chiu                                  | "    | —  |
| Plums—Swatow, Hung Lai                             | "    | —  |
| Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau                           | each | 14 |
| Shanghai—Lo Kwat                                   | "    | —  |
| Walnuts—Hop To                                     | lb.  | 15 |
| " Green—Fang Hop Tuo                               | "    | —  |
| Water Melon—(Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa                  | each | —  |

## VEGETABLES, &amp;c.

|                                        |      |    |
|----------------------------------------|------|----|
| Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi | lb.  | 8  |
| Choke                                  | "    | 8  |
| Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tau | "    | 8  |
| " (French) Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Pin     | "    | 8  |
| " Sprout—Ah Choi                       | "    | 8  |
| " Long—Tan Kok                         | "    | 10 |
| Beet Root—Hung Choi Tau                | each | 6  |
| Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa                   | "    | 8  |
| Brijals, Green—Ching Yuan Kwa          | "    | 8  |
| " Red—Hung Ke                          | "    | 8  |
| Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Ka—Tsai     | lb.  | 10 |
| Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tsai              | "    | 14 |
| Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shan            | "    | 8  |
| Carrots—Kam Shun                       | lb.  | 6  |
| Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsai          | "    | 8  |
| Chillies Dried—Kon Lap Chiu            | "    | 25 |
| " Red—Hung Fa Chiu                     | "    | 10 |
| " Green—Ching Lap Chiu                 | "    | 8  |
| Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chiu Liu    | "    | 10 |
| Cucumbers—Ching Kwa                    | each | 2  |
| Garlic—Sun Tau                         | lb.  | 8  |
| Ginger, young—Sun Tse Keung            | "    | 6  |
| " old—Lo Keung                         | "    | 9  |
| Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan         | "    | 12 |
| Indian Corn—Suk Mai                    | each | —  |
| Lettuce—Yeung Shang Tsai               | "    | 1  |
| Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai                 | lb.  | 6  |
| " Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai             | "    | 8  |
| Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Cho Ko          | "    | 35 |
| Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa     | each | —  |
| Okrae                                  | lb.  | —  |
| Onions Bombay—Yeung Chong Tau          | "    | 8  |
| " Green—Shang Chong                    | "    | 6  |
| " Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Chong Tau        | "    | 7  |
| Parsley—Kun Tsai                       | lb.  | 8  |
| Green Peas—Ching Tau                   | "    | —  |
| Potatoes, Sweet—Pan Shu                | "    | 3  |
| " Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Shu Tsai         | "    | 3  |
| " Japan—Yut Pan Shu Tsai               | "    | 3  |
| " American—Fa Ki Shu Tsai              | "    | 8  |
| " Foochow—Foo-chow Shu Tsai            | "    | —  |
| Pumpkin—Tong Kwa                       | "    | —  |
| Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai                | "    | 5  |
| Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong               | "    | —  |
| Sage—Tse So                            | "    | 8  |
| Shallots—Kon Chong Tau                 | "    | 8  |
| Spinach—Yin Tsai                       | "    | 6  |
| Tomatoes—Wan Ke                        | "    | 6  |
| Taro—Yu Tau                            | "    | 6  |
| Turnips Fanti, (Long)—Lo Pak           | "    | 4  |
| " English—Yeung Lo Pak                 | "    | —  |
| Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa              | "    | 4  |
| " (American)—Kam-san Chit Kwa          | "    | —  |
| Water Cress—Sai Yeung Tsai             | "    | 12 |
| " Lily root—Lin Ngu                    | "    | 6  |
| Yams—Ta Shu                            | "    | 6  |
| " English—Yeung Kan Choi               | "    | —  |
| Tan                                    | "    | —  |

## 海鮮

|                                     |     |    |
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| Crabs—Hai                           | "   | 28 |
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| Turtles, small, fresh water—Keuk Yu | "   | 60 |

The above prices are in accordance with the Government's list  
of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the  
30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule  
of maximum retail prices:—

|                                                |        |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Flour:—                                     |        |
| (a) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,         | \$4.50 |
| per lb.,                                       | .10    |
| (b) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,          | 4.00   |
| per lb.,                                       | .08    |
| (c) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,           | 3.50   |
| per lb.,                                       | .0     |
| 2. Tinned Milk:—                               |        |
| (a) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,   | .35    |
| (b) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin, | .25    |
| (c) Sterilized Milk, per tin, (18 oz.),        | .35    |
| (d) Sterilized Milk, per 1 litre tin,          | .35    |
| (e) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin,                | .33    |
| (f) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,               | .20    |
| 3. Sugar:—                                     |        |
| Cube, (in 6 lb. tins), per tin,                | 1.15   |
| Refined Crystallized, per lb.,                 | .14    |
| Granulated, per lb.,                           | .14    |
| Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb.,                  | .13    |
| No. 2                                          | .12    |
| Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.                  |        |

4. Frozen Meat:—  
The Dairy Farm prices for frozen food and other stores published  
on 1st September, 1914, with all changes in prices shown in red  
ink, are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in  
the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chair-  
man and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at  
the Treasury or on the premises of the Dairy Farm Company in  
Wyndham Street.]

5. Market Produce:—(See above)

6. The prices of provisions imported from countries other than  
China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more  
than 15 per cent. above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony  
on the 26th July, 1914.  
Note.—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount or sub-  
sidary coinage, payment for all articles of food not exceeding \$4  
in value (excepting the articles enumerated in clause 5 in Procla-  
mation No. 18 of the 30th October, 1914, and in the above Schedule)  
shall if made in subsidiary coin be subject to an additional charge  
of 15 per cent.

## 菓子

|                                       |     |    |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Almonds—Bang Yan                      | lb. | 35 |
| Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho | "   | 18 |
| " (Chesoo)—Tin Chan Ping Kho          | "   | —  |











## BOTANICAL AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

## How Afforestation Proceeds.

The following is from the report on the Botanical and Forestry Department for the year 1914, by Mr. W. G. Tutcher:—It is a great pleasure to be able to report that the year was free from typhoons, as these storms when they occur undo the work of years. The amount of sunshine during the first quarter was above the average and was especially beneficial to winter-flowering annuals many of which are similar to those grown in England during the summer months.

The second quarter was favourable for gardening operations except for the last few days of June when heavy rains fell. In the third quarter, July and September were particularly wet. The rainfall during the fourth quarter was 20.89 inches and has been only twice exceeded, viz. in 1893 and 1899, and was 10.79 inches above the average taken over a period of 23 years. November made two records (1) in the number of rainy days and (2) in the amount of rain which fell. This quarter was particularly fatal to many vegetables and winter-flowering annuals. On the other hand the rains were extremely beneficial to trees which were planted earlier in the year.

Since my appointment as Head of the Department in 1910 numerous works and grounds have been added to those at that time placed under my charge.

Of these additions the following may be mentioned:—The planting of trees alongside the road from Castle Peak to Fanling, the planting of the hills at Fanling with flowering trees and shrubs, Government Civil Hospital Grounds, Lubatic Asylum Grounds, Royal Observatory Grounds, Extension to Colonial Cemetery, Government Bungalows Grounds, Royal Square Plots, Volunteer Park Grounds and Grounds around Subordinate Officers' Quarters.

An economic garden has also been started at Fanling with the hope that it will lead to some of the natives taking up, especially, the cultivation of vegetables for themselves and the Hongkong market.

Experiments with artificial fertilizers will be carried out in this garden as far as circumstances will allow.

Formation of Pine Tree Plantations.—Over 27,000 one-year old pine tree seedlings were planted in 9a on the bare hills near the south face of the Beacon Hill tunnel and over 7,000 sites were sown with seeds. On hills covered with grass in 9a and 9b, 185 lb. of pine seed were sown broadcast and there are now thousands of seedlings to be seen in these areas. In the Tytam catchment area 15,000 sites were sown with seeds and at Aberdeen 9,500 sites. Broad-leaved Trees Planted.—On the hills around the Cheongsha-wan reservoir 1,000 Melaleuca and 1,000 Ficus were planted. Over 3,000 trees were planted in the Tytam catchment area consisting principally of Melaleuca, Eucalyptus and Aristida.

Towards the end of January the caterpillar of *Metanastria punctata*, Walker, was discovered in large numbers on the young pine trees in the plantations on the south side of the Kowloon

## BOXING.

## Bux and Maher Back in Hongkong.

At the Victoria Recreation Club last evening, leading members of the local boxing world congregated. Bux and Maher showed that their sojourn in Manila has had a beneficial effect on them, and in the case of Bux it is very noticeable that he has added to his speed. Bux hopes to be back in Manila for July 12 where in all probability he will meet some new arrivals from America. Bux has come here to wrest from Sapper Richards the light-weight championship of Hongkong so as to claim the light-weight championship of the Orient, having beaten all the Manila claimants to the title. Mr. F. E. Hall is fixing up a fight between Bux and Richards for the 12th prox., and the programme for that evening will also include a bout between Maher and Carvalho. To those who frequent the V.R.C., both these men are well known as hard fighters, and Maher has so impressed the public in his fights in the past, that little attention remains to be called to his abilities in the ring.

As to the full programme, further arrangements are in the making and at the earliest opportunity details will be published in the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

Arrangements were made to collect and pay for them by weight and the first collections were made on January 30. From that date up to and including the 12th March, when very few caterpillars remained, collections were made almost daily. Altogether over 10 tons by weight, estimated to contain upwards of 12,000,000 caterpillars, were collected and destroyed. As the caterpillars when full-grown are from 2½ inches to 3 inches long, if placed end to end they would have formed a line something like 500 miles in length. They were weighed and paid for either by myself or Mr. Green and afterwards buried under the supervision of one of us near the plantations where they were collected. Myself or Mr. Green had to devote at least half a day to this work during the six weeks that the collecting was in progress. The prompt measures taken were eminently satisfactory as very few trees indeed were much damaged. The Assistant Superintendent, who was frequently employed on the hills long after office hours, co-operated most loyally and heartily in the work.

This is the most serious visitation of this pest since 1894, in which year 36 tons of caterpillars were collected. It may be of interest to draw attention to the fact that the year 1894 was also the worst year on record for Plague and that the year 1914 was also a bad year for that disease. The Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pearce, has informed me that the early part of 1914 was particularly favourable for fleas so that it seems that climatic conditions which are favourable for fleas are also favourable for pine tree caterpillars, hence the coincidences mentioned above.

The report also contains details of a botanical expedition to the North River with additions to the Flora of Kwangtung, by Mr. W. J. Tutcher, F. L. S., which will be of great interest to botanists.

## POST OFFICE.

Much inconvenience and delay in the delivery of correspondence is caused by residents who change their addresses, failing to notify the General Post Office. Residents arriving in or leaving the Colony, or changing their address in the Colony, are requested to notify the clerk at the Poste Restante, General Post Office, of the change of address at the earliest opportunity.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Colonies, and to the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Registered Letters to the Caroline, Ladrones, Pelew and Marshall Islands can now be accepted for transmission.

The attention of the Public is directed to Para. 23 of the Hongkong Postal Guide which reads as follows:—

The usual time for closing a mail is one hour before the steamer is advertised to sail. Letters prepaid with 10 cents in addition to the postage will, if handed over the counter, be received after the advertised time of closing the mail until the mail has actually left the office.

## MAILS DUE.

Siberia, Amoy, 28th inst.  
Nagasaki, Chifu, 1st June.  
French, Chifu, 1st June.

## MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Halphong—Per KEIJO M. 28th inst. 9 a.m.  
Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per ALDENHAM M. 28th inst. 10 a.m.

Hoihow & Pakhoi—Per EINGAN, 28th inst. 1 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 28th inst. noon.

Straits—Per CHUNSHANG, 28th inst. 2 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India via Bombay—Per SAIGON M., 28th inst. 4 p.m.

Quinson & Tauran—Per TAIWAN M., 28th inst. 4 p.m.

## SATURDAY, 29th May.

Saigon, Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Egypt & Europe.—Per AMAZON, 29th inst. noon.

Philippine Is.—Per YUENSANG, 29th inst. 2 p.m.

Shanghai & North China—Per WINGSANG, 29th inst. 4 p.m.

Hoihow and Halphong—Per TAKSANG, 29th inst. 4 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per KANCHOW, 29th inst. 4 p.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Wednesday 2nd June)

## SUNDAY, 30th May.

Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui—Per DALJIN MARU, 30th inst. 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, South America and Canada via San Francisco & U. Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per SIBERIA, 1st June, noon.

(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P. O. Saturday, 5th June)

Philippine Islands—Per CHINHUA, 1st inst. 3 p.m.

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per LUCHOW, 1st June, 3 p.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Saturday, 5th June)

## THURSDAY 3rd June.

Straits, Ceylon, Port Said, Marseilles, & London—Per FUSHIMA M., 3rd June 11 a.m.

Woh-hai-wai & Tientsin—Per HUI-CHOW, 3rd June, 3 p.m.

## FRIDAY, 4th June.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 4th June, 1 p.m.

## SATURDAY, 19th June.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, via Port Darwin and New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per CHANGSHA, 19th June 2 p.m.

Oysters, Fresh, Fried or Stewed  
Findon Haddock, Kippers &c.  
ALEXANDRA CAFE.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Kanchow, Br. s.s. 1922, G. Gibbs, 26th inst.—Shanghai, 23rd inst. Gen.—B. & S.

Paotung, Br. s.s. 1072, F. M. Dillon, 26th inst.—Chefoo, Gen.—B. & S.

Tijmanah, Dut. s.s. 2510, A. W. La Poog 27th inst.—Amoy, 26th inst. Co.—J.C.J.L.

Naimang, Br. s.s. 1591, H.E. Gelroy, 27th inst.—Kobe, 21st inst. Gen.—J.M. & Co.

Prometheus, Norw. s.s. 1024, U. Jensen, 27th inst.—Bangkok, 19th inst. Rice—T. & Co.

Chigichow, Br. s.s. 1195, J. Doyle, 27th inst.—Port Payavol, 24th inst. Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Chusap, Br. s.s. Robertson, 27th inst.—Bangkok, Rice—B. & S.

Liangchow, Br. s.s. Richard, 27th inst.—Canton, General—B. & S.

## DEPARTED.

May 26.

Standard, for Swatow & Bangkok  
Tenmie Maru for Karatsu  
Choyang for Shanghai via Swatow  
Wado Maru for Miki  
Haiman for Foochow via Swatow  
Teau for Tolo via Manila  
Sobu Maru for Amoy via Swatow  
Korea for San Francisco via Shanghai  
Lokang for Hoihow  
Yei Maru No. 2, for Moji  
Tatsun for Shanghai  
Hainan for Tientsin  
City of New Castle for London  
Donax for Balik Papan

## CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

May 26.

Chongwa for Kwang-chow-wan  
Kanchow for Canton

May 27.

Haidia for Halphong  
Devawong for Saigon  
Jared for Halphong via Hoihow  
Siddhanta Maru for Seattle  
Rubi for K. Sikkang & Lishon  
Kwangteh for Canton  
Liangchow for Shanghai

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Naimang from Kobe.—Mr & Mrs Darby, J. M. Tosh.

## PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Korea for San Francisco etc.—J. Bose, Mr & Mrs Au Chakman, J. Johnston, Mr & Mrs Washington Runyon, E. H. Pount, Mrs Geo. Lunt, Mrs P. M. Woods, Wm M. Jucker, Mr & Mrs J. O. McDougall, Mr & Mrs H. V. Edwards, Mrs M. G. Hamilton, Mr H. Aldrich, P. L. Trout, C. H. T. Claver, Law Lu-chung, Miss K. R. Green, Fong Yook-chuen, Col & Mrs H. O. Davis, Mrs A. M. Smith, J. Benham, S. Sillman, Mrs M. L. Pruitt, J. B. Southmead, T. B. Ozorio, Mrs Ho, Mr & Mrs G. Duffin, E. H. Hartmann, Miss E. Rusyon, Mrs M. Brown, Mrs M. G. Long, Mrs A. C. Perce, Miss B. Brown, Mrs O. A. Ellis, Mr & Mrs R. Burns, Mrs A. J. Rice, Mr & Mrs A. Gideon, Miss M. Post, Rev & Mrs Alorich, Miss J. Aldrich, Ho Un Yan.

## WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st May, 1915.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

| Tyram     | 1914 | 1915 |
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| 1st June  | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| 2nd June  | 10.0 | 10.0 |
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| 12th June | 10.0 | 10.0 |
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